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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, N.H.
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 2012
(July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012)

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COVER ARTWORK CREDIT

Maddi Alana is celebrating her 28th year of opening her Alana Watercolor Gallery. She has wall to wall paintings inside and even some outside her blue house on Rt. 1B in New Castle.

Years ago on the Seacoast she stumbled upon legendary Artist Edgar Whitney giving one of his popular workshops. She took a week of watercolor classes with him and was hooked. She then inhaled old art books, learned photography, matting and framing, bookbinding, tile painting and more.

Maddi tells a story about when she was four years old when, with great wonder and delight she carved a drawing on her mother's maple bureau. Her mother was not as impressed with her artwork and it wasn't until many years later that she resumed her artistic expression.

Now she paints impressionistic and realistic style watercolors of seascapes, landscapes, cityscapes, florals, portraits, pets, people's homes, boats, and imaginative paintings from clients' photos.

Her artwork is spread throughout the USA and other countries. She also gives workshops and lessons.

Her website alanawatercolors.com gives a sampling of her work and, is in the process of being some of hundreds more paintings. So much to paint.....so little time.

For more information, please write to:
maddialana@alanawatercolors.com



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THIS TOWN REPORT IS IN RECOGNITION OF THE

NEW CASTLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In June of 2003, the town of New Castle and the New Castle Historical Society entered into a lease agreement for the building at 120 Main Street. This former library building acquired by the town in April of 1926 became the new home of the Historical Society. The building was built in the 1800's and was originally a church before it became the town library.

The Town came together to create a community use for this building and the Historical Society now has restored it to its former beauty. There were over 100 people who either worked on the space or donated money, or materials that helped this building become what it is today. A new ceiling, lights, paint, bathroom and beautiful stenciling helped restore the inside and welcomes visitors to browse the history of the town.

So we take a moment to thank the Select Board for letting the Society undertake this initiative, the many vendors for gifts of materials, and also the NH Charitable Foundation for their financial help.

If you have not had the opportunity to visit the building, please put this on your "to do" list for 2013. Wonderful artifacts, murals that depict the history of the Island, and great opportunities to revisit the history of the town await those who enter. The NCHS has really found its place in the community and made the community even better.

The mission of the NCHS is to ensure the preservation of New Castle history and to promote its public understanding. It does this by:

- Collecting and preserving the documents, photographs, artifacts, and oral histories relating to the history of New Castle
- Interpreting and promoting public understanding of our genealogical, architectural cultural and historical resources
- Making our resources available to members, students and the general public
- Creating exhibits, sponsoring programs and holding special events for the enjoyment and education of all those interested in NC history.

SELECT BOARD'S LETTER

Over the past few years, the Town has been actively refurbishing and enhancing our facilities and resources. Major recent projects included the Public Safety Building, the Public Works building, the "Safepath" sidewalk, and the acquisition of the back channel islands. This year we paused to consider where we are and what remains to be done. And, of course, what we can afford.

To this end, the Town has established a Capital Improvement Program (CIP). State statute authorizes and recommends that municipalities that have a master plan appoint a CIP Committee to prepare a program for the identification and funding of major projects and to aid the Select Board and the Budget Committee in their consideration of the annual budget. The CIP Committee, chaired by Peter Tarlton, has undertaken the preparation of a fifteen-year program for Public Works, Police, Fire, School, and other Town resources and facilities.

The Town's finances are in good shape to address these issues as appropriate. Total debt outstanding has been reduced to $850,000, slightly over 3% of the Town's net assets and a fraction of 1% of the Town's taxable valuation of over $637 million. The property tax rate this year was the same as last year and virtually unchanged for the third year in a row (up a penny two years ago).

We are also in the preliminary stages of assessing the economic and other impacts of alternative water and sewer arrangements. As you may have read in the news, recent federal EPA mandates have required the City of Portsmouth to upgrade its sewer treatment facility, the cost of which will be passed on to rate payers. Because New Castle purchases its water and sewer services from Portsmouth, it is expected that these charges will continue to rise dramatically during the next several years.

Portsmouth has expressed interest in acquiring New Castle's water and sewer systems in order to increase their base of customers. The Town is in discussions with the City about that possibility, but will proceed only if the conveyance is in the best interests of the Town. It is important to note that no decision to convey any part of the Town's assets or infrastructure will occur without a vote at a Town Meeting. Any Town Meeting to consider the topic would be preceded by formal public hearings with opportunities for residents to comment.

As you may also have heard or read, the City of Portsmouth plans to replace the bridge over Sagamore Creek. This summer will be the beginning of a 14-16 month project. We are hopeful that detoured traffic will be directed away from Rt-1B, but an increase in traffic through New Castle is expected nonetheless. The Town is seeking state funding for extra patrol hours to monitor traffic and enforce traffic laws.

Please be aware of this increase in traffic and walk, run or ride single file.

Also, the drawbridge on Rt-1B just beyond the Wentworth-by-the-Sea Hotel is scheduled for renovation or replacement sometime in 2015. The NH Department of Transportation has not yet determined the extent of the work or the exact time frame for completion. Representatives of the Town are in contact with NHDOT, and additional information will be communicated as it is received. There is no cost to the Town for this bridge project.

Other noteworthy changes during the year included enhancements to the Common operations. New and returning staff members had updated training programs that were implemented under the guidance of Police Chief Don White who has taken over the management of the Common. For 2013, a new entry way is being configured and a new building (recycled toll booth from the state) is being erected that will provide much needed safety for the staff as well as coverage from the elements. Ben Jankowski, a staff member with 11 years of experience at the Common, will be the day-to-day supervisor for the upcoming season and most of the 2012 staff will be returning.

This past January, Town Accountant Lynn Seward resigned due to health concerns and Debra Knowles, who served for six months as the Town's temporary accountant, assumed the position as Town Accountant. We are grateful to Ms. Seward for her commitment and dedication to the Town of New Castle during her nearly seven year tenure. There have also been several personnel changes in the police department over the past year. Please see the Police Department Report for details.

Finally, the Town has agreed to participate in the state's Emergency Notification System (ENS) which is a reverse 9-1-1 calling system to alert residents of emergency situations that might affect them. Examples of emergency events include severe weather conditions (hurricanes, tornadoes, ice storms, etc.), evacuations, escaped or dangerous prisoners, and hazardous material incidents. The ENS alert system will NOT be used for any non-emergency messages such as school closures, community events and the like. At this point in time, notification is only available via wired telephone lines. Notification via cell phones is in the works, but is not yet viable. We will keep you informed about this new emergency alert system as details become available.

New Castle Select Board

Lorn Buxton, Chair
Patty Scholz-Cohen
Dave McGuckin

NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTED OFFICIALS

NATIONAL

Senator Kelly Ayotte
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603-622-7979

Senator Jeanne Shaheen
New Hampshire Office
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Manchester, NH 03101
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TOWN OFFICERS – ELECTED/APPOINTED

Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Priscilla Hodgkins	term exp 5/13
Deputy Town Clerk	Carol Gamester	indef appt
Deputy Tax Collector	Pamela Cullen	indef appt
Select Board	Lorn Buxton, Chair	term exp 5/13
	Patricia Scholz-Cohen	term exp 5/15
	David McGuckin	term exp 5/14
Treasurer	William B. Marshall, III	term exp 5/13
Chief-of-Police	Donald A. White, Jr.	indef appt
Sergeant	Michael Miehle	indef appt
Patrolman	Kurtis Boissonneault	indef appt
Patrolman	Matthew Tyler	indef appt
Patrolman	Derek Poirier	indef appt
Patrolman	Graham Courtney	indef appt
Animal Control Officer	Donald A. White, Jr.	indef appt
Building Inspector	Donald Graves	indef appt
Supr. Public Works	Steve Tabbutt	indef appt
Road Agent	Steve Tabbutt	appt exp 5/13
Town Moderator	Wayne Semprini	term exp 5/14
Health Officer	Dr. James Zuckerman	state appt
Deputy Health Officer	Dr. Gordon Hand	state appt
Town Historian	Deborah Schulte	indef appt
Fire Chief	David Blanding	indef appt
Deputy Fire Chief	Mark Wooley	indef appt
Fire Wards	Dennis Dinsmore	term exp 5/15
	Reginald Whitehouse	term exp 5/13
	Carl Roediger	term exp 5/14
Energy Committee	Sandra Bisset, Chair	appt exp 5/15
Public Works Board	Walter Liff, Chair	appt exp 5/15
	Normand Houle	appt exp 5/15
	John Ireland	appt exp 5/13
	Walter Glidden	appt exp 5/13
Alternate	Reginald Whitehouse	appt exp 5/14
Alternate	Chester Fessenden	appt exp 5/13
Alternate	Peter Gamester	appt exp 5/14
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Dave McGuckin	term exp 5/14
Planning Board	Stuart Levenson, Chair	appt exp 5/15
	Darcy Horgan	appt exp 5/14
	Eric Katz	appt exp 5/13
	Ned Robinson	appt exp 5/15
	David Merrill	appt exp 5/13
Alternate	David McArdle	appt exp 5/13
Alternate	Peter Tarlton	appt exp 5/14
Alternate	Kate Murray	appt exp 5/16
Ex-Officio/Selectwoman	Patricia Scholz-Cohen	term exp 5/15

Board of Adjustment	Ned Robinson, Chair	appt exp 5/15
	Russell Cox	appt exp 5/13
	Donald Moore	appt exp 5/15
	Will Smith	appt exp 5/14
Alternate	Mark Gardner	appt exp 5/13
Alternate	Todd Baker	appt exp 5/13
Alternate	Susan Stetson	appt exp 5/14
Historic District Committee	Marjorie Smith, Chair	appt exp 5/13
	Elaine Nollet	appt exp 5/13
	Peter Follansbee	appt exp 5/14
	Irene Bush	appt exp 5/14
	Rodney Rowland	appt exp 5/14
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Patricia Scholz-Cohen	term exp 5/15
Conservation Commission	William Stewart, Chair	appt exp 5/15
	Elisabeth Hume	appt exp 5/14
	Brian Mack	appt exp 5/14
	Sharon Houston	appt exp 5/14
	Nancy Gulley	appt exp 5/13
	Jilian Farrell	appt exp 5/13
	Lynn McCarthy	appt exp 5/13
Alternate	Wm. B. Marshall, III	appt exp 5/15
Alternate	James Rini	appt exp 5/14
Alternate	Curt Gillespie	appt exp 5/16
Budget Committee	Thomas Smith, Chair	term exp 5/15
	Damon Frampton	term exp 5/14
	Bill Stewart	term exp 5/13
Ex-Officio/Selectman	Lorn Buxton	term exp 5/13
Ex-Officio/School Board	Roderick MacDonald	term exp 5/15
Trustees of the Trust Funds	Thomas Smith, Chair	term exp 5/15
	Peter Reed Jr.	term exp 5/13
	David Borden	term exp 5/14
Library Trustees	Brad Greeley, Chair	term exp 5/14
	Jenny Rosenson	term exp 5/12
	Sandra DeSisto	term exp 5/13
Alternate	Deedee Hammer	appt exp 5/13
Alternate	Anna Ambrogi	appt exp 5/13
Library Director	Christine Collins	indef appt
Supervisors of the Checklist	Sherrie Becker	term exp 5/14
	Mary Rauh	term exp 5/18
	Darcy Horgan	term exp 5/16
Cemetery Trustees	Jim Cerny	term exp 5/14
	Terri Golter	term exp 5/15
	David Merrill	term exp 5/13
Recreation Committee	Guy Stearns, Chair	appt exp 5/15

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ELECTED POSITIONS AND SALARIES

Position	Annual Salaries
Select Board Chair	$ 2,000
Select Board (2)	1,800
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	19,500
Treasurer	4,000
Cemetery Trustee (3)	100
Moderator	200 per election
Supervisor of the checklist (3)	100 plus $100 per election
Trustee of the Trust Funds (2)	100
Trustee of the Trust Funds, Bookkeeper	250
Historian	250

There are many others who participate in Town Government on an unpaid basis and their service is most valuable to the success of our Town. These individuals deserve the whole hearted thanks of the community for their civic involvement.

TOWN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012

Meeting held at Recreation Center, Great Island Common, New Castle, with approximately 70-80 citizens in attendance.
Meeting called to order by Moderator Wayne Semprini at 7:03 p.m.
Citizens joined in the Pledge of Allegiance
Moderator asked for a moment of silence for town's people who had passed away this year.
Moderator expressed appreciation to Supervisor of the Checklist, Mary Rauh for all her years of service as she is stepping down from office.
Moderator reviewed the rules of order.
VOICE VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE I: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the following year.
Ballot Item. The following officers were elected by ballot:

Office	Candidate	Votes
Select Board Member, 3 Years	Patty Scholz-Cohen	143
Treasurer, 1 Year	William B. Marshall III	145
Town Moderator, 2 Years	Wayne Semprini	145
Budget Committee, 3 Years	Tom Smith	140
Budget Committee, 1 Year	Bill Stewart	137
Fire Ward, 1 Year	Dennis Dinsmore	116
Write-In:	Don White	26
Trustee of the Trust Funds, 3 Years	Tom Smith	139
Library Trustee, 3 Years	Jenny Rosenson	145
Cemetery Trustee, 3 Years	Terri Golter	143
Supervisor of the Checklist, 6 years	Karen Mitchell	137
School Board Member, 3 years	Rod MacDonald	142

ARTICLE II: Zoning Amendment Number 1: Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 1, as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance under Section 9.2 WETLANDS CONSERVATION DISTRICT, to read as follows: 9.2.1 Purpose and Intent:

BALLOT ITEM: Yea: 120; Nay: 38

ARTICLE III: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended operating budget in the amount of $2,358,056 for the general operation of the Town. Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Select Board.
VOICE VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE IV: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $106,000 to be added to the Vehicle and Equipment Trust Fund previously established.
Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Select Board.
VOICE VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE V: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,525 (Twelve Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Five dollars) to be added to the New Castle Conservation Fund for the purpose of grant matching and conservation projects as proposed by the Conservation Commission.
Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Select Board.
VOICE VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE VI: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $13,000 to be used to pay Town donations to local non-profit agencies as follows:
1. A Safe Place $500
2. Adult Learner Service Program $100
3. Aids Response - Seacoast $200
4. American Red Cross $500
5. Area Home Care & Family Services $1,250
6. CASA – Court Appt Special Advocates $200
7. Child & Family Services $600
8. Families First $300
9. McFarland Children's Center $250
10. Meals on Wheels $1,500
11. Prescott Park Arts Festival $100
12. Rockingham County Community Action $100
13. RSVP – The Friends Program $1,000
14. Salvation Army $1,000
15. SeaCare Health Service $400
16. Rockingham VNA Hospice $1,250
17. Seacoast Mental Health Center $2,400
18. Seacoast Visiting Nurses Assoc. $250
19. Sexual Assault Support Services $250
20. Wentworth Connections $350
21. Womanaid of Greater Portsmouth $500

Total $13,000
Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Select Board.
VOICE VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE VII: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following addition to the Town Ordinances:
Section XIII: Building Numbers
Any building or structure for which a number has been designated shall have such numbers affixed or displayed in such manner so as to be plainly visible from the street that abuts the main entrance to the property. Violators shall not be fined more than $25.00 for each day that such numbers are not affixed.
Moved and seconded.
Brief discussion regarding signage placement for driveways serving more than one residence.
VOICE VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE VIII: To hear the reports of agents, officers, committees, boards, and others heretofore chosen and to pass any vote in relation thereto.

Norman Rice: Safe Path Sidewalk Project. Reviewed the project and announced official opening on May 26. Project well below budget at 65K; town has been reimbursed for expenses. All involved thanked for their support.

Mr. Cox asked for location of reimbursement items for Safe Path in the budget report. Mr. Buxton explained they are in current year's budget and won't appear in this report, which is for 2011.

Peter Tarlton announced that the Capital Improvement Program was reconvened. The CIP committee is looking at long-term (15 years) replacement and modernization needs for town, school, infrastructure and roads. Particular attention will be paid to Town Hall, which is old and needs to be updated and the school, which is not in compliance. The committee will make recommendations to the Select Board and Budget Committee but has no authority to spend money without Town Meeting approval.

ARTICLE IX: To transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting.
No other reports.

Mr. Semprini read from the town report of 1947.

Meeting was closed at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Priscilla Hodgkins
Town Clerk

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OFFICIALS SURETY BONDS IN FORCE
NHMA PROPERTY /LIABILITY INSURANCE TRUST

Effective July 1, 2012

POSITION	AMOUNT
TAX COLLECTOR	$91,508
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR	91,508
TREASURER	100,328
DEPUTY TREASURER	100,328
TOWN CLERK	39,690
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK	39,690
TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS (3)	137,812
LIBRARY TRUSTEES (3)	5,512
BOAT PERMIT FEE AGENT (2)	1,102

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
For fiscal year ending June 30, 2012

1.	Town Hall, land and building	$ 856,400
	Furniture and equipment (Map 13 Lot 8)	80,000
2.	Recreation Building plus out buildings & land	10,377,600
	Furniture and equipment (Map 5 Lot 13)	225,000
3.	Municipal Safety Complex (Map 13 Lot 7)	1,515,800
	Police Department Equipment	17,500
	Fire Department Equipment	340,000
4.	Highway Department	
	Equipment	45,000
	Material and supplies	6,000
5.	Water supply facilities	396,197
	Owned by Town of New Castle	
6.	Sewer plant and facilities	22,500
	Land and building (Map 16 Lot 48)	59,600
7.	School, land, and building	2,440,300
	Equipment (Map 12 Lot 33)	
8.	Islands: Long Rock & Mill (Map 8 Lot 11)	113,700
	Birch (Map 11 Lot 1)	20,600
9.	Cemeteries: Riverside(Map 15 Lot 10)	806,600
	Frost (Map 18 Lot 54)	283,300
	Prescott (Map 17 Lot 57)	185,100
	Oceanside (Map 5 Lot 13 Sublot 1)	1,032,900
10.	Other town owned lands and town buildings:	
	Pit Lane lot (Map 10 Lot 9 & Map 10 Lot 9 Sublot 1)	322,800
	Town Landing, Laurel Lane (Map 11 Lot 30)	120,600
	Sand Pit (Map 12 Lot 3)	449,200
	Town garage, land, & cemetery (Map 17 Lot 56)	337,100
	NC Historical Society Building & land (Map 17 Lot 58)	349,500
	Land-Walback (Map 19 Lot 01)	812,500
	Land-Fort Point (Map 19 Lot 02 Sublot 1)	1,792,600
	Other land (Map 16, Lot 50, 51)	37,000
	Wentworth Road (Map 4 Lot 25)	3,900
TOTAL		**$23,049,297**



THE 2013 WARRANT & BUDGET

FOR THE

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE,

NEW HAMPSHIRE

MS-7

BUDGET OF A TOWN
WITH A MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

OF: New Castle

BUDGET FORM FOR A TOWN WHICH HAS ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, _____ to December 31, _____

or Fiscal Year From July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Thomas F. Irwin, Chairman

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)230-5090

MS-7 Budget - Town of New Castle FY 2014

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations 07/01/12-06/30/13 Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures 07/01/11-06/30/12	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS 07/01/13-06/30/14 (Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS 07/01/13-06/30/14 (Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
4130-4139	Executive		73048	73283	80148		80148	
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics		33199	32859	35887		35887	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		111542	101730	109653		109653	
4152	Revaluation of Property		13900	33215	15650		15650	
4153	Legal Expense		15700	10748	15700		15700	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		35860		33900		33900	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		17283	11909	21236		21236	
4194	General Government Buildings		39530	22000	50500		50500	
4195	Cemeteries		12883	10805	16683		16683	
4196	Insurance		52000	50547	52000		52000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.							
4199	Other General Government		10000		10000		10000	
	PUBLIC SAFETY							
4210-4214	Police		440770	409703	459238		459238	
4215-4219	Ambulance		5000	9500	5000		5000	
4220-4229	Fire		275997	255146	284851		284851	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		16000	14024	15917		15917	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		7571	8760	11423		11423	
4299	Other (Including Communications)							
	AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER							
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
	HIGHWAYS & STREETS							
4311	Administration							
4312	Highways & Streets		123541	110531	125590		125590	
4313	Bridges							

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	HIGHWAYS & STREETS (cont.)							
4316	Street Lighting		9000	10037	10000		10000	
4319	Other							
	SANITATION							
4321	Administration		1725	1074	1725		1725	
4323	Solid Waste Collection		96053	96892	100850		100850	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		28594	21935	28320		28320	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							
	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT							
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other							
	ELECTRIC							
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
	HEALTH/WELFARE							
4411	Administration		1277	1077	1277		1277	
4414	Pest Control		23050	23050	23050		23050	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other							
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		10000	25	10000		10000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payemnts							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations 07/01/12-06/30/13 Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures 07/01/11-06/30/12	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS 07/01/13-06/30/14 (Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS 07/01/13-06/30/14 (Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
	CULTURE & RECREATION							
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		172001	176697	181156		181156	
4550-4559	Library		61345	61345	61345		61345	
4583	Patriotic Purposes							
4589	Other Culture & Recreation							
	CONSERVATION							
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources		27078	17175	27041		27041	
4619	Other Conservation							
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing							
4651-4659	Economic Development							
	DEBT SERVICE							
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		142538	125000	125000		125000	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		18318	37086	29047		29047	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		6000	3007	5000		5000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
	CAPITAL OUTLAY							
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment							
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.							
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT							
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	- Sewer		403253	419163	476671		476671	
	- Water		74000	49021	74438		74438	

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations 07/01/12-06/30/13 Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures 07/01/11-06/30/12	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS 07/01/13-06/30/14 (Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS 07/01/13-06/30/14 (Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT (cont.)							
	- Electric							
	- Airport							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Fiduciary Funds							
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL			2358056	2197344	2498296		2498296	

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to or from a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations 07/01/12-06/30/13 Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures 07/01/11-06/30/12	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS 07/01/13-06/30/14 (Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS 07/01/13-06/30/14 (Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		106000	103000	121000		121000	
4916	To Conservation Trust		12525	18550	12537		12537	
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds							
4903	Buildings (Town Hall Renovations)				15000		15000	
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			118525		148537		148537	

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements, leases or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations 07/01/12-06/30/13 Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures 07/01/11-06/30/12	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS 07/01/13-06/30/14 (Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS 07/01/13-06/30/14 (Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4415	Donations to Health Agencies		13000	13000	13000		13000	
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			13000		13000		13000	

MS-7 Budget - Town of New Castle FY 2014

1 ACCT.#	2 SOURCE OF REVENUE	3 Warr. Art.#	4 Actual Revenues 07/01/11-06/30/12	5 Selectmen's Estimated 07/01/13-06/30/14	6 Budget Committee's Est. Revenues
	TAXES				
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund				
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes				
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes		5232		
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		4628	4000	4000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax ($.02 cents per cu yd)				
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		238376	243500	243500
3230	Building Permits		32555	32550	32550
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		9940	9710	9710
3311-3319	**FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**				
	FROM STATE				
3351	Shared Revenues				
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		43260	43138	43138
3353	Highway Block Grant		20346	17311	17311
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		1675		
3379	**FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS**				
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401-3406	Income from Departments		143116	130850	130850
3409	Other Charges				
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments		1419	500	500
3503-3509	Other		25174	79350	79350
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

MS-7 Budget - Town of New Castle FY 2014

1	2	3	4	5	6
ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Actual Revenues 07/01/11-06/30/12	Selectmen's Estimated 07/01/13-06/30/14	Budget Committee's Est. Revenues
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN (cont.)				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)		396792	476671	476671
	Water - (Offset)		69681	74438	74438
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds				
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts Voted From Fund Balance				
	Estimated Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes				
	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS		992194	1112018	1112018

BUDGET SUMMARY

	PRIOR YEAR 07/01/12-06/30/13	SELECTMEN'S 07/01/13-06/30/14	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	2358056	2498296	2498296
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	118525	148537	148537
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	13000	13000	13000
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	2489581	2659833	2659833
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	951497	1112018	1112018
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	1538084	1547815	1547815

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: 250579
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF NEW CASTLE
TOWN WARRANT FOR 2013

ROCKINGHAM, SS **NEW CASTLE, NH**

To the inhabitants of the Town of New Castle, in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the New Castle Recreation Center, Great Island Common, in said New Castle, on Tuesday, 14th of May 2013, to act upon Articles I and II. The business session of the Annual Town Meeting will commence at seven o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles III through IX. The polls for the election of Town Officers and Ballot Articles will open at nine o'clock in the forenoon and shall not be closed before seven o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE I: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the following year.

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE II: Zoning Amendment Number 1: Are you in favor of adopting Zoning Amendment Number 1, as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance under Section 4.1.2 Residential District (R-1) Permitted Uses?

3a. Existing Language:-
Structures of 80 square feet or less are permitted to be placed within 5 feet of the rear and side lot line not abutting a street, providing the structure is on a temporary foundation and is not connected to utilities.

3a. Proposed Language:
Structures of 80 square feet or less are permitted to be placed no closer than 5 feet from the rear and side lot line not abutting a street, providing the structure is on a temporary foundation and is not connected to utilities

(ON THE BALLOT)

ARTICLE III: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended operating budget in the amount of $2,498,296 for the general operation of the Town.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Select Board

ARTICLE IV: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $121,000 to be added to the Vehicle and Equipment Trust Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Select Board

ARTICLE V: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,537 to be added to the New Castle Conservation Fund for the purpose of grant matching and conservation projects as proposed by the Conservation Commission.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Select Board

ARTICLE VI: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $13,000 to be used to pay Town donations to local non-profit agencies as follows:

1. A Safe Place	$500
2. American Red Cross	$500
3. Area Home Care & Family Services	$1,500
4. CASA – Court Appt Special Advocates	$500
5. Child & Family Services	$750
6. Families First	$750
7. McFarland Children's Center	$500
8. Meals on Wheels	$1,500
9. Rockingham County Community Action	$500
10. RSVP – The Friends Program	$1,000
11. Salvation Army	$1,000
12. SeaCare Health Service	$500
13. Seacoast Mental Health Center	$1,500
14. Seacoast Visiting Nurses Assoc.	$500
15. Sexual Assault Support Services	$500
16. Womanaid of Greater Portsmouth	$500
17. Seacoast Food Panty	$500
Total	**$13,000**

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Select Board

ARTICLE VII: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000 for the purpose of developing detailed plans and cost estimates for appropriate historic preservation and energy efficient repairs to assure the structural integrity of Town Hall, as proposed by the Capital Improvement Program Committee.

Recommended by the Budget Committee and the Select Board

ARTICLE VIII: To hear the reports of agents, officers, committees, boards, and others heretofore chosen and to pass any vote in relation thereto.

ARTICLE IX: To transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 17th day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

A true copy of warrant – attest

Lorn Buxton, Chairman

Patricia Scholz-Cohen

David McGuckin

New Castle Select Board

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF NEW CASTLE
TOWN WARRANT FOR 2013

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named and a like attested copy at the Post Office and Town Hall, both being a public place in said Town of New Castle.

Lorn Buxton, Chairman

Patricia Scholz-Cohen

David McGuckin
Select Board

Town of New Castle
April 17, 2013

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FY2012 ASSESSED VALUATION REPORT

LAND AND BUILDINGS:	NUMBER OF ACRES	ASSESSED VALUATION
Value of Land Only		
Current Use	9.08	$ 182.00
Conservation Restriction	14.52	11,962
Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C	1.76	387
Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 7	0	0
Residential	304.03	379,897,500
Commercial/Industrial	10.05	15,637,000
Total of Taxable Land	339.44	395,547,031
Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable	123.23	43,803,200
Value of Buildings Only:		
Residential		190,753,800
Commercial/Industrial		51,320,500
Total Taxable Buildings		242,074,300
Tax exempt & non -taxable bldgs		9,637,000
Public Utilities: Electric		1,283,100
Mature Wood and Timber		0
Valuation Before Exemptions		638,904,431
Blind Exemption (1)		50,000
Elderly Exemptions (6)		1,200,000
Deaf Exemption (1)		50,000
TOTAL DOLLAR OF EXEMPTIONS		1,300,000
NET VALUATION FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX RATE COMPUTATION		**$637,604,431**
Less Public Utilities		1,283,100
NET VALUATION FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX		**$636,321,331**
TAX CREDITS:		
Totally & Permanently Disabled Veterans their spouses and widows ($2,000 each)		
Other War Service Credits RSA 72:28 ($50(		37,000
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT (74)		**$37,000**

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
2012 TAX RATE CALCULATION

	---Municipal Portion---	
Gross Appropriations	$ 2,489,581	
Less: Revenues	1,121,235	
Less: Shared Revenues	0	
Add: Overlay	10,469	
Add: War Service Credits	37,000	
Net Town Appropriation	1,415,815	
Special Adjustment	0	
Approved Town/City Tax Effort	1,415,815	
Municipal Tax Rate	$	2.22
	---School Portion---	
Net Local School Budget	1,980,400	
Regional School Apportionment	0	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	0	
State Education Taxes	(1,434,553)	
Approved School Tax Effort	545,847	
Local Education Tax Rate	$	0.86
	---Education Tax---	
Equalized Valuation (no util) X $2.390 600,231,361	1,434,553	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities) 636,321,331		
State Education Tax Rate	$	2.25
	---County Portion---	
Due to County	675,191	
Less: Shared Revenues	0	
Approved County Tax Effort	675,191	
County Tax Rate	$	1.06
Combined Tax Rate	$	6.39
Total Property Taxes Assessed	4,071,406	
Less: War Service Credits	(37,000)	
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0	
Total Property Tax Commitment	$ 4,034,406	

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NH
TRUST FUNDS
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For Fiscal Year Ended 30 Jun 2012

PRINCIPAL	BALANCE 30 Jun 10	RECEIVED FUNDS	DISPURSED	BALANCE 30 Jun 11
Marchand	$6,677.64	$335.14		$7,012.78
Sewer	$325,685.37	$0.00		$325,685.37
Library	$9,650.00	($150.00)		$9,500.00
Cemetery Maint	$188,050.00	$7,600.00		$195,650.00
Special Education	$87,251.47	$0.00		$87,251.47
School Tuition	$35,000.07	$18,382.00		$53,382.07
Vehicle & Equipment	$27,650.01	$103,000.00	($28,728.61)	$101,921.40
School Bldg	$2,185.43	$0.00		$2,185.43
Water	$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
TOTAL PRINCIPAL	**$682,149.99**	**$129,167.14**	($28,728.61)	**$782,588.52**
INCOME				
Marchand	$1,099.84	$335.09	($335.14)	$1,099.79
Sewer	$97,422.58	$21,482.84	($17,000.00)	$101,905.42
Library	$599.84	$638.64	($842.00)	$396.48
Cemetery Maint	$13,724.88	$7,816.28	$0.00	$21,541.16
Special Education	$32,395.01	$5,556.25	$0.00	$37,951.26
School Tuition	$10,399.09	$2,209.56	$0.00	$12,608.65
Vehicle & Equipment	$0.00	$1,324.89	($1,324.89)	$0.00
School Bldg	$0.00	$1.61	$0.00	$1.61
Water	$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	**$155,641.24**	**$39,365.16**	($19,502.03)	**$175,504.37**
TOTAL	**$837,791.23**	**$168,532.30**	($48,230.64)	**$958,092.89**

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (MS-61)
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012

	LEVY FOR 2012	2011	PRIOR YEAR LEVIES 2010	2009+
UNCOLLECTED TAXES:				
Property Taxes				0.00
This Years' New Credits	($6,778.34)			
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR:				
Property Taxes		$ 4,034,124.00		
OVERPAYMENTS:				
Property Taxes				
Abatements by Check		0.00		
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes		3,759.62		
Credits Refunded	$ 6,778.34			
TOTAL DEBITS	$ -	$ 4,037,883.52	0.00	0.00
REMITTED TO TREASURER:				
Property Taxes		$ 4,021,812.00		
Interest/penalties		3,759.52		
Conversion to Liens		0.00	0.00	
ABATEMENTS:				
Abatements		7,905.00		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT 6/30/11		0.00		
Property Taxes		4,407.00		
TOTAL CREDITS	$ -	$ 4,037,883.52	0.00	0.00

	2012	2011	2010	2009
UNREDEEMED LIENS				
LIENS EXECUTED:				
Unredeemed liens balance beg of FY			$ 9,203.59	1,447.70
Liens executed during FY				
Interest & Costs			356.67	393.38
Unredeemed Elderly Liens beg of FY			3,520.00	$ 14,504.00
Elderly Liens Executed during FY		3,486.00		
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	$ -	$ 3,486.00	$ 13,080.26	$ 16,345.08
REMITTED TO TREASURER:				
Redemptions			$ 2,671.06	1,447.70
Interest & Costs			356.67	393.38
Abatements of Unredeemeed Liens				
Unredeemed Liens End of FY			$ 6,532.53	
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY	$ -	3,486.00	3,520.00	$ 14,504.00
TOTAL CREDITS	$ -	$ 3,486.00	$ 13,080.26	$ 16,345.08

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
fiscal year ended June 30, 2012

CASH ON HAND 6/30/2011	$ 25,613.66
RECEIPTS:	
Town Appropriations	$ 61,345.00
School Appropriations	$ 3,000.00
Designated Gifts	$ 625.16
Donations	$ 3,556.51
Investments	$ 421.00
Other	$ 257.02
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**$ 69,204.69**
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Books	$ 6,602.20
Videos	$ 1,700.02
Children's Books	$ 2,443.50
Periodicals & Newspapers	$ 1,203.91
Payroll & Payroll Taxes	$ 45,948.95
Software, Hardware, & Support	$ 3,928.86
Operations	$ 2,991.04
Programs & Professional Expenses	$ 1,962.94
Purchase Artwork - (D'Antonio Memorium)	$ 1,260.00
Other	$ 155.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**$ 68,196.42**
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	**$ 1,008.27**
CASH ON HAND 6/30/2012	**$ 26,621.93**

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
REPORT OF THE TREASURER
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012

The following is the balance of all accounts in the custody of the Treasurer as of June 30, 2012.

GENERAL FUND:

Checking Account	$	630,916.90
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool		2,536.82
Bank North Investment Pool		139,770.51
Capital Project for Back Channel Islands		closed
Capital Project for Public Safety Complex		closed
Recreation Fund		43,175.18
Safe Path		2,484.82
Conservation Funds		19,992.00
Capital Project for DPW Building		closed

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Checking Account	$	109,005.78
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	$	2,467.27

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Part of my job as Town Clerk is to preserve town records. They are squirreled away in file cabinets, in the climate-controlled vault and on the second floor of Town Hall in what used to be the kitchen and next to it, the Knights of Pythias Hall. Many newer residents have not seen Knights of Pythias Hall, this marvelous meeting room with its high tin ceiling and tall windows. Many who remember this room have not been in it for many years as its use was limited by ADA and fire laws. Recently a lively group of residents began working on a plan to refurbish the Town Hall, preserve its historical features and perhaps make it possible for residents to once again hold meetings in the Knights of Pythias Hall.

I grew up here and remember meetings in that room and bowls of chowder and baked beans and platters of dark brown Boston Bread coming out of the kitchen, but I am not sure I ever met a Knight of Pythias. Perhaps it was the King's Daughters suppers I recall from a time in childhood when all grown-ups were tall and imposing.

As for the The Fraternal Order of Knights of Pythias, this international brotherhood, founded in 1864, is dedicated to the cause of universal peace. Deb Schulte, our Town Historian, may have some records related to the Knights and may know if there are still one or two around. Perhaps they attend the Men's Coffees on Thursday mornings in the Parish Hall.

I set out to tell you about the records the Town Clerk keeps and ended up reminiscing about people I never met. Which is pretty much what happens when I do maintenance work on the records. Here is a partial list of files involved in the task: birth certificates, motor vehicle registrations, marriage applications, town reports, committee minutes, election results, ballots, and burial permits.

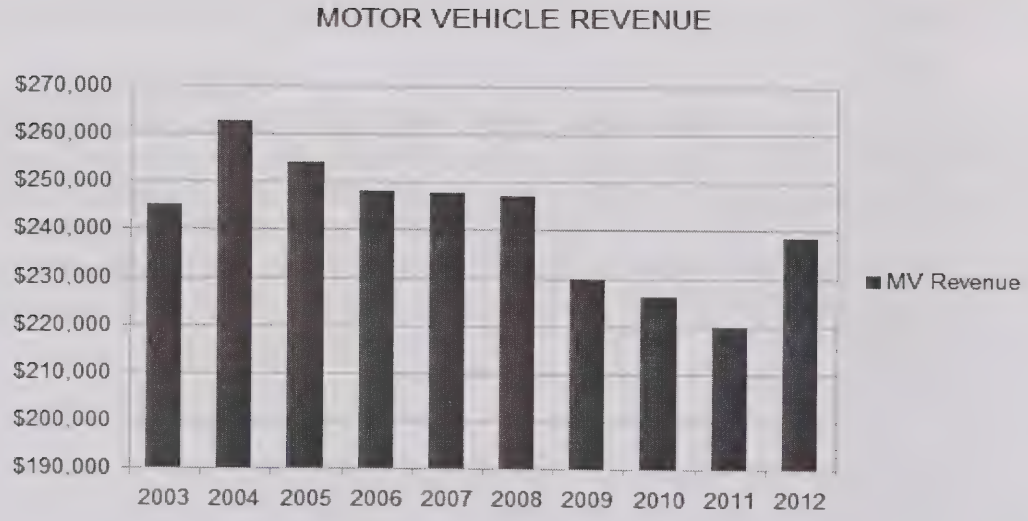
Organizing files, sorting them into alphabetical piles or stacks by month and year is boring and tedious until I head upstairs to the old kitchen or Knights of Pythias Hall to put them with their older cousins, records going back before the King's Daughters made soup in the kitchen. Here in banker's boxes of various colors and styles are the minutia of daily life and the monumental. Here is where a little bit of you will end up, a name on a list of voters, the owner of a mid-sized sedan, the bride in 1954 or the boy born in June 1993. You are all here, little bits of you to be sorted and filed by some future Town Clerk.

Town Clerk Revenue

The income from motor vehicle registrations increased in 2012 by 7.81%. Below are figures for the last ten years.

MOTOR VEHICLE REVENUE 2003 to 2012

Year	Amount	Change
2003	$245,258	---------
2004	$262,618	6.61%
2005	$254,129	-3.34%
2006	$248,092	-2.43%
2007	$247,658	-0.18%
2008	$247,199	-0.19%
2009	$229,745	-7.60%
2010	$226,323	-1.51%
2011	$219,768	-2.98%
2012	$238,376	7.81%



TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

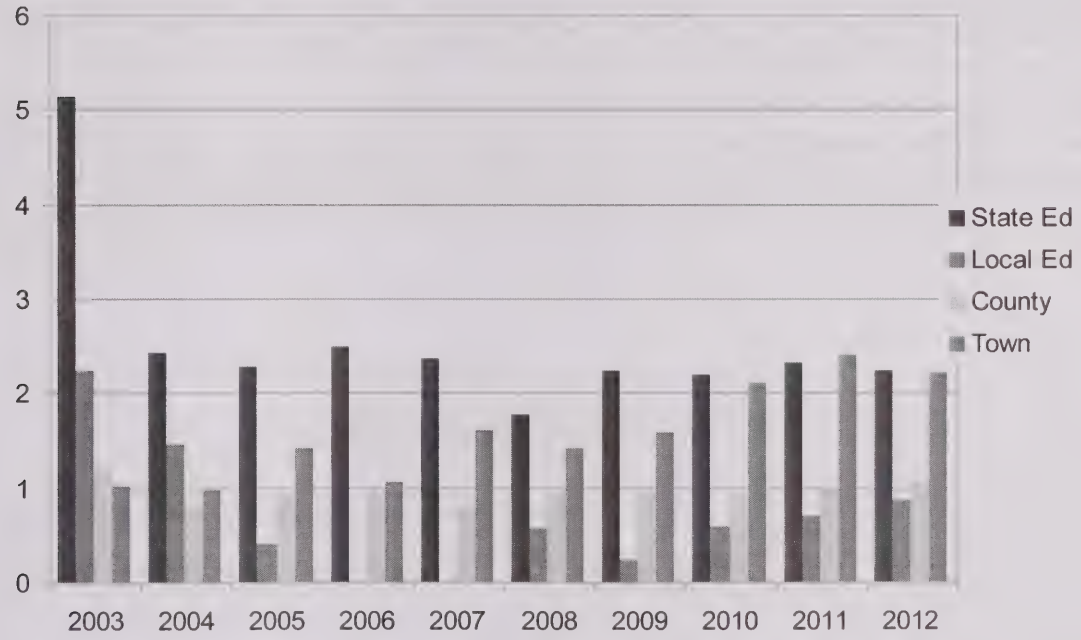
This was a very smooth year for the Tax Collector thanks to the citizens of New Castle who step up to pay their taxes on time and with a minimum of grumbling. (Thanks especially for the cheerful greetings included with payments!) The report generator of the Avatar software was a great boon during the audit process in August. Once again, the Tax Collector's figures were right on the nose.

Below is a brief look at the tax rate over the last ten years.

NEW CASTLE TAX RATES 2003 – 2012

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
State Ed	5.14	2.43	2.29	2.5	2.36	1.77	2.23	2.19	2.33	2.25
Local Ed	2.24	1.45	0.41	0	0	0.58	0.23	0.59	0.69	0.86
County	1.18	0.81	0.91	0.94	0.81	0.92	0.93	0.91	0.97	1.06
Town	1.02	0.97	1.42	1.05	1.61	1.41	1.58	2.11	2.4	2.22
	9.58	5.66	5.03	4.49	4.78	4.68	4.97	5.8	6.39	6.39

NOTE: Years not comparable because of revaluations of property in 2003, 2008 and 2011.



Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Hodgkins
Town Clerk / Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

Do you have money looking for a home? Finding worthy investments is tough. Maybe you should consider tax-free municipal bonds. The New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank (NHMBB) has issued $2.29 billion in loans to 230 governmental units in the 35 years of its existence. The 1,158 loans in our state have funded various capital improvements from replacing a roof, purchasing equipment, improving water and sewer systems to the construction of new buildings. The Bond Bank provides access to the bond market by issuing pooled bonds for our communities. Recently, New Castle, used the Bond Bank to finance construction of our Public Safety Building.

The next NHMBB sale availability is June 2013. Bond sale schedules are on the Bond Bank's website at www.nhmbb.org. Interestingly, NHMBB says there has never been a default in its bank's history and they are working to keep it that way.

A quick note for check writers and receivers of checks. We ask that checks be legible and that the amount in numbers be the same as the amount written in words. Our Bank is now scanning checks at the teller stations and we do not want to lengthen any waiting lines. Thank you.

Lastly, driving back to our wonderful Island one day, (probably from our Bank), I heard on the radio: "Where the news watch never stops." Immediately I had a thought – just like this job – where the money never stops. All 52 weeks a year, money in and money out – wouldn't it be nice if there was a week with no money in, no money out and no bank involved? Thanks to all who help keep us running smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,

William B. Marshall III
Treasurer

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The New Castle Police Department would like to welcome two of its newest officers to the department: Sergeant Michael Miehle came to us after serving 7 years with the Rochester Police Department and brings with him a wealth of knowledge in his new role of Sergeant within the department; Patrolman Graham Courtney started his career with New Hampshire Marine Patrol in 2010, and has served as a seacoast marine patrol officer here on the coast.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank recently resigned Sergeant Alex Mitrushi and patrolman Jared Knox who served with the New Castle Police Department for 3 years. Both officers left the department to pursue their careers in law enforcement with other police departments. I wish them both the best of luck in their future endeavors.

We have continued to make a deliberate effort to have an officer in the school zone to reduce speeders during morning drop-off. We enjoy working with the school department and collaborating with the crossing guards. School zone safety continues to be a priority project for the police department.

As always, I would like to thank the residents of New Castle for their endless support. I would also like to remind them to call us if they see anything that they consider dangerous or suspicious. The police department relies greatly on the eyes and ears of the public, so please do not hesitate to call. We would prefer to get your call and find that no crime was being committed, than to not get a call and discover that a crime had been committed. Finally, a friendly reminder to lock your vehicles and homes when you are away, and please be mindful of your speed. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

License fees remitted to Treasurer

During fiscal year 07-1-2011 to 06-30-12 $633.50

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. White Jr.
Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT 2012 STATISTICS

911 Hang up calls	9	Drug Narcotics Violation	1
Accidents	10	DWI	1
Alarms	66	Follow-up	92
Animal Control Incidents	103	Found/Lost Property	43
Assaults	1	House Checks	124
Assist Citizens	47	Domestic Violation	2
Assist Non-Police Dept.	25	Intoxicated Subject	1
Assist Other Police Dept.	71	Involuntary Emergency Hosp	1
Assist Town Hall	45	Juvenile Offenses	10
Assist DPW	13	Missing Person	1
Assist Fire Dept.	93	Motor Vehicle Complaints	12
Building/Property Check	4257	Parking Complaints	21
Criminal Mischief	4	Parking Enforcement	97
Disturbance	1	Road Hazard	30
Criminal Trespass	10	School Crossing	124
Dept. Business/Court	172	Suspicious Activity	21
Directed Patrol	93	Well-Being Check	24
Theft	13	Disturbance	1
Traffic Enforcement	438		
Traffic Stop	860		

Total Calls for Service 2012 - 6936

FIRE DEPARTMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

2012 was a successful year for the Fire Department. The men and women of the department successfully prosecuted 155 calls for service, including 96 calls for Emergency Medical Aid. We provided mutual aid response to Portsmouth, Rye, North Hampton, York, Kittery, U.S. Coast Guard, Pease Air National Guard Base and the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Many hours were spent training, maintaining certifications and checking and maintaining equipment. Fire training was held every Monday night, except holidays. Emergency Medical Training was held on the third Wednesday night of each month. Individual members attended classes sponsored by the New Hampshire Fire and EMS Academy and the Seacoast Chief Fire Officer's Mutual Aid District, including 370 hours of grant funded training.

Lt Ryan Chase completed the 80 hour Hazardous Materials Technician course at the Epping Fire Department. Lt Ryan Chase and Firefighter 2 Erin Kelly completed a 41 hour Ocean Public Safety Rescue Swimmer training course at the Hampton Fire Dept. Firefighter Peter O'Hara completed the Emergency Medical Technician course at SOLO in Conway.

On May 23 at 9:07pm, the department was dispatched to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for a major fire in the USS Miami (SSN-755) a Los Angeles class nuclear attack submarine. Engine 4, Hose 1 and Squad 1 responded and assisted the Shipyard Fire Department in fighting the fire inside the submarine in tight obstructed quarters filled with noxious smoke and searing heat. Hose 1 established a secondary water supply to the scene by laying 5 inch hose to a hydrant over 1000 feet away. New Castle Firefighters remained on scene for over 12 hours.
Recruiting and Retention remains very good with several new members added from Portsmouth and New Castle.

The Emergency Management Team successfully completed two combined functional drills and a graded exercise in support of the NH Radiological Emergency Response Plan.

I would like to thank the volunteer members of the New Castle Fire Department for their exceptionally dedicated service to the town.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Blanding, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The New Castle Planning Board had an active year in 2012. Reflective of the general economic times, the Planning Board saw considerably more proposals than in the prior year. The vast majority of the projects that were reviewed involved construction within the Wetlands Conservation District. The objective of our ordinances in this area is to ensure that new construction minimizes negative impacts to the highly sensitive ecology of the shoreline or interior wetland areas. Unfortunately, between State requirements and the procedure for local approval, the process for applicants who wish to build within our wetland buffers can be lengthy and cumbersome. Despite this fact, I believe that our ordinances work well and provide the flexibility for homeowners to work collaboratively with the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board to develop plans that will protect the character of New Castle.

This past year the Planning Board also approved several minor lot line adjustments and spent considerable time assessing a minor subdivision plan. A committee to develop a Capital Improvement Plan was established under the direction of Peter Tarlton. Capital Improvement Plans, which fall under the responsibility of the Planning Board, are intended to anticipate long term capital expenditures and to plan for appropriate funding of those projects. Also of note was the work that the Planning Board did to revise and update our Master Plan. Last updated in 2002, this document articulates the broad goals for our community and serves as the rationale for all of our land use ordinances. Our revised Master Plan was approved by the voters at the last election in May.

When not considering specific cases, the Planning Board spends much time discussing the effectiveness of our ordinances and the need for any revisions. As always, this year we solicited input from the Select Board, the Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, Historic District Commission and the Building Inspector in an effort to keep our regulations current. It is our goal to create ordinances that promote the right to enjoyment of private property while at the same time ensuring that the unique character of our town is maintained. This is a very difficult balance to find and I am confident that the dedicated and informed members of the Planning Board take this role very seriously.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Planning Board for their time and hard work throughout the year. In addition, Planning Board secretary Anita Colby and the staff at the Town Hall put in many hours behind the scenes to make things run smoothly. The job of Chairman for the New Castle Planning Board is made considerably easier because of the efforts and dedication of this fantastic and talented group of people.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Levenson, Chairman

HISTORIC COMMISSION REPORT

The Historic District Commission is chartered to assure the preservation of the architectural landscape of the Historic District of our lovely town.

This year, we approved four applications for renovations/additions to existing homes. We also spent much time and effort to establish a balanced approach for regulations regarding the new technology of Photovoltaic and Solar Thermal systems.

I wish to thank the Historic District Commission Members and Alternates Peter Follansbee (Vice Chair), Patty Cohen, Elaine Nollet, Irene Bush, and Rodney Rowland. They attended meetings, conducted research, and carefully considered our mission as well as the needs/preferences of the homeowners who applied for permits. We welcome Peter Reed to our commission. Thanks also to Anita Colby, who dedicates her time and effort to support us, and Nancy Borden, for her past leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Smith, Chair

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

New Hampshire state law provides that every zoning ordinance adopted by a local legislative body shall include provisions for the establishment of a zoning board of adjustment. The New Hampshire statutes further provide that the zoning board of adjustment shall have the power to hear and decide appeals if it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement of any zoning ordinance. A zoning board of adjustment shall also have the power to authorize, upon appeal in specific cases, such variance from the terms of the zoning ordinance as will not be contrary to the public interest, if, owing to special conditions a literal enforcement of the provisions of the zoning ordinance will result in unnecessary hardship, provided that the spirit of the ordinance shall be observed and substantial justice is done.

Each year your New Castle zoning board of adjustment hears ten to fifteen appeals, usually from decisions of the Building Inspector, denying a building permit. The year 2012 was little different from prior years. Since applications for relief frequently contain requests for more than one variance, your New Castle ZBA considered ten requests for variances and three appeals from determinations promulgated by other boards.

At the ZBA's first meeting of 2012, an application for variance that had been filed in 2011 was conditionally approved. Subsequently, at other meetings the ZBA determined that a variance was not required as to the proposed building area of a remodeling project, but granted a variance to the mandated setback requirement. At a later meeting an applicant withdrew an application for a front yard setback variance and received a variance to permit an expansion of a non-conforming use in a wetlands buffer. In another application, where the applicant wished to make a non-conforming lot more non-conforming, the variance was granted, as was an application to make a non-conforming structure more non-conforming in another case. In a case in which the applicant requested a variance to permit construction of a structure in the front yard setback, the variance was granted and the board determined that a variance to permit the construction of a buried septic system in the side yard did not require a variance. In another application set for hearing and then continued to permit the applicant to file additional supporting material, the applicant chose to withdraw her application. Finally, on application for a variance filed in December, 2012 will be heard in 2013.

Three appeals from the decisions of other land use boards were considered, two involved interim rulings by the Planning Board as part of it deliberations regarding the subdivision of the same parcel of property. Since both appeals involved a subdivision application and the construction of a state statute, on advice of counsel, both appeals were returned to the Planning Board for further consideration of the application. Finally, the ZBA considered a determination by the Select Board that a builder had violated Section 11.1 (Subsection 3) of the New Castle Zoning Ordinance. Even though the builder admitted he had commenced construction without securing the proper permits, the ZBA reversed the action of the Select Board on the basis of failure of due process and strict compliance with state law.

The chair wishes to again thank Russ Cox, Donald Moore, Will Smith, Mark Gardner, Susan Stetson and Todd Baker for their service to the town.

The Board also wishes to extend its appreciation to Donald Graves, New Castle Building Inspector, Pam Cullen, Secretary to the Select Board, and to Anita Colby, Secretary, for their help afforded the ZBA throughout the year in the performance of the ZBA's responsibilities to the town and its residents. Without their help, the ZBA would not be able to function.

Respectfully submitted,

Ned Robinson, Chair

NOTICE REGARDING RSA 674:39-aa
Restoration of Involuntarily Merged lots

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merged status.

Your property may qualify if two or more lots were merged for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes and the merger occurred:

During your ownership, without your consent; or
Prior to your ownership, if no previous owner consented to the merger.

To restore your property to pre-merger status, you must:
Make a request to the local governing body no later than December 31, 2016

Once restored:
Your properties will once again become separate lots; however, they must still conform to applicable land use ordinances. Restoration does not cure non-conformity.

Read the full statute at RSA 674:39-aa

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The members of the Conservation Commission have accomplished a great deal in 2012. With the support of residents and state and federal agencies we have accomplished the following:

- we brought understanding and smiles to the faces of Trefethen schoolchildren and their teachers by involving them in the River Road salt marsh restoration project;
- we detangled parts of the Common, restoring native vegetation and opening up some very fetching views;
- we began a program to reduce pollution entering our waterways; and
- we started work on creating a conservation plan to preserve and protect the highest value natural resources on New Castle.

These projects were made possible by informed, supportive people working together. Healthy wetlands and marshes, and the native plants that thrive there, provide habitat for biodiversity and act as filters for our ground and surface waters. Water quality is the lynchpin to maintaining our quality of life, our enjoyment of our surroundings and preserving the reasons we choose to make New Castle our home.

Lawns to Lobsters

The New Castle Conservation Commission has started a new project to help control the amount of pollution going into our waters. The program originated in 2009 as Lawns for Lobsters in Kennebunkport, Maine. Renamed Lawns to Lobsters by a group in York it has spread along the coast of Maine and now to New Hampshire, New Castle being the first NH coastal town to jump on the bandwagon. This is a common sense approach to having a beautiful lawn without harming the ocean or tidal rivers. Those who agree to the Lawns to Lobsters pledge get a decal and a sign (for a $5 donation) for their lawn. Before signing the pledge, the homeowner voluntarily adopts best management practices for lawn care and receives tips on landscaping and ways to minimize fertilizer applications.
This is part of the Commission's commitment to reducing the amount of pollutants entering the surrounding waters and Great Bay.

The Common

The Commission continued to expand restoration efforts and ecological enhancement at the Great Island Common this year. In the Pitch Pine Barren, young sapling trees are starting to grow and thrive, the dunes are protecting our beach thanks to continued growth of dune grass in the area, and Bull Toad Pond, a rare ecosystem, continues to improve as a healthy habitat for native plants and wildlife.

The battle continues against invasive plants on the land bordering Oceanside Cemetery and the southern boundary of the Common. These areas had become overgrown with invasive plants such as multi-flora rose and bittersweet. Many native trees, shrubs, and ground covers were already killed or were being threatened by these plants. Pockets of the highly invasive swallow-wort needed treatment as well. Grant funds from the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) allowed for brush removal and herbicide treatment during spring, summer, and fall. We complete the last phase of what has been a substantial ten-year NRCS grant funded project with continued treatment of the invasives and strategic replanting of native vegetation.

In an effort to encourage treatment of invasive plants throughout the Town, the Commission expanded its collaboration with the Department of Public Works, the Great Island Garden Club, the Historical Society, the Cemetery Committee and citizens of the town who sought assistance.

Salt Marsh Restoration & Education and Outreach

The small salt marsh on River Road has been restored. This project was completely funded by two grants: An Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) grant, from the NH Department of Environmental Services, and a NH Department of Agriculture Grant. Without this financial aid, support of the neighboring property owners and the Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD), which provided crucial professional services and grant management for both grant applications, this project would not have been successful.

The students at the Trefethen School had the opportunity to visit the River Road salt marsh during restoration and to participate in the replanting of native grasses and plants. On site they learned about the steps taken to restore the salt marsh and the importance of the salt marsh to the ecosystem of New Castle. The DOT Stormwater Exhibit which came to the school on May 4th demonstrated the importance of stormwater management to minimize the impact of pollution on watersheds.

The Green Team

Commission and Green Team members logged over one hundred hours of volunteer time at the Common, Lavenger Creek Marsh, and River Road Marsh in 2012. These hours contribute toward the required match for grants and therefore reduce money spent by the Town.

During 2012, the NCCC reviewed many wetlands applications as part of the town's process for residents wishing to embark on major landscaping or construction projects within the protected wetlands and shorelands. The Commission works with residents and guides them through the town and state regulations.

The hard working members of the Conservation team are to be commended for their dedication to the cause of protecting and preserving the natural resources of the island.

Another area where the Commission has taken action to maximize environmental 'best practices' has been the Green Waste Day program. One Saturday morning each month, from May to November, residents may drop off green waste at a dumpster located next to the library. This program keeps green waste out of overused and limited trash landfills since some of it is trucked to a green waste landfill where it naturally decays and returns to the earth. Some of the appropriate green waste, such as leaves, is deposited in the Town's compost pile where it decomposes and ages until it is ready to be used amending the soil in the landscapes around the Town's many buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Stewart, Chairman

THE PUBLIC WORKS WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

In recent years, the cost of water and sewage disposal has been on the rise. Shock has been voiced by residents when they receive their bills. The New Castle Dept. of Public Works diligently tries to keep these fees as low as possible, but the greatest factor in the costs is beyond our control--namely the fact that we must pay Portsmouth for our water and disposal of sewage. The costs needed by Portsmouth to continue to offer clean water and waste disposal may soon have to be increased; and so, the cost to our residents will obviously have to be raised proportionately.

Bills are issued every fourth month: April, August, and December. The bills are based on the number of "units" used. Each unit equals 748 Gals. A "minimum charge" of 20 units applies to all accounts. As of this writing, the minimum charge for 20 units of water is $41.80 (20X$2.09), and for 20 units of sewer it is $232.40 (20X$11.62). Every unit beyond the minimum is charged is charged at the same rate for both water and sewer.

To minimize your bill, water conservation is imperative! In previous Island Items, we have listed several ways to conserve water both inside and outside your home. An extensive list of these methods of saving can be found at: www.americanwater.com/49ways.php

With spring rains (hopefully instead of snow) upon us, we would like to remind all residents that it is illegal to pump water from your sump pumps into the town sewer. We will be doing spot checks in the basements of our New Castle residences to verify there are no sump pumps hooked up into our sewer system. Please cooperate with our DPW personnel when they call or knock on your door to check your basement sump pump discharge hookup. New Castle has to pay the city of Portsmouth a very high sewer rate for each cubic foot of sump water discharged into the system. It is evident that we are paying for more cubic feet of sewer discharge to the city of Portsmouth than the amount of water we are purchasing. With the anticipated increases in the sewer rates to Portsmouth, this is a major extra expense to the town.

The DPW board meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 3:00. If you have an issue you would like to discuss, we welcome your attendance. Prior notice given to Pam Cullen, will assure that you become part of the agenda for that meeting.

We are still in discussion with the City of Portsmouth with regard to taking over the New Castle water and sewer systems. We will alert you of the progress in the Island Items.

When you see Steve or Chris going about their duties in town, offer them a Thank You", because without their diligence both night and day, this town could not continue to run as smoothly as it does!

Respectfully submitted,

Walter H. Liff
Chairman, Public Works Board

The website is: www.americanwater.com then click on "Save Water", then "Saving Tips" – indoors.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

We continue to be pleased with the activity and programming that go on at our Library. Our new software allows us to follow patronage usage frequency and patterns enabling us to better focus our collection toward the areas of proven need and interest. Both our membership and circulation rates have shown healthy increases.

Library Director Christine Collins has added several new events and community members have responded with interest and enthusiasm. In addition to the mahjong group that meets regularly in the Macomber Room on Friday afternoons and the kids story hour on Thursday and Saturday mornings, we now have a knitting group that gathers to share skills and stories, and after school childrens' book discussion groups.

The Director hosts classes from MHT School at the library on Thursdays and gives book talks to the school staff and students each month. We continue our effort to help our young people find books from which they find enjoyment and learning.

We maintain a host of regular opportunities and activities:

- The Library Director leads a number of book groups at the library.
- Special events are held during the year to encourage people young and old to use the library and read books. These include the Children's Summer Reading Program, Halloween Story Time, Holiday Open House, book groups and occasional lectures.
- We continue to display local artists' work to liven the Library and support our local talent.
- We have passes available to patrons for the Portland Museum of Art, the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, the MFA in Boston and the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem. These are great favorites of the citizens of New Castle.
- Our Nook and Kindle are pre-loaded with a selection of books so you may learn how this technology works.
- The library is a member of NH Downloadable Books, which gives our patrons access to more than 4,000 audio book titles and 1,000 eBook titles.
- In her capacity as the school librarian, the Library Director gives book talks each month at the school and the students visit the library during winter months for various programming and book discussion groups.

The Library Board of Trustees regularly meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm at the Library. Our meetings are always open to New Castle residents. On our list of things to study for the new year are improving our hours to make it easier and more convenient for you to come into the library and find what you're looking for: a book, audio tape, DVD, information, a computer connection, copies, electronic books, a jigsaw puzzle, toys and games to entertain a child while you browse, some library assistance from our Library Director and volunteer staff.

If you haven't visited us lately, please stop in to explore our collection and services.

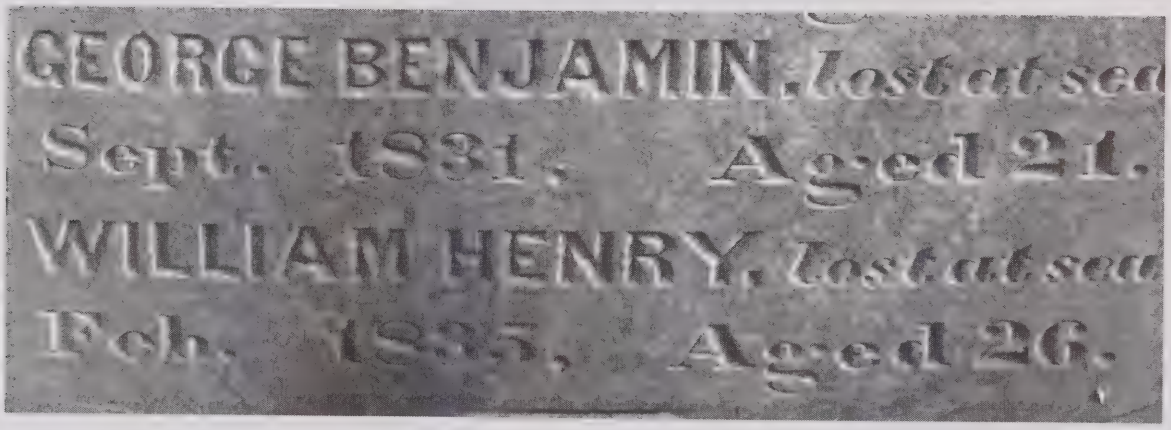
Respectfully submitted,
Brad Greeley, Chair of the Library Trustees
Sandy DeSisto, Treasurer
Jenny Rosenson, Secretary

CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT

The Cemetery Trustees manage six cemeteries: Riverside, Oceanside, Frost, Tarlton, Prescott, and Marvin. We encourage families to plan ahead by buying a cemetery plot without the stress of a family emergency. Oceanside, opened in 2004, is the only cemetery with available plots and they are in three sizes: 4x5-foot plots sized for 2 cremations; 5x10-foot plots sized for 1 casket and several cremations; and 10x10-foot plots sized for 2 caskets and multiple cremations. We limit sales to New Castle residents.

We had 11 burials in 2012: 5 in Riverside and 6 in Oceanside. And we sold 5 lots in Oceanside.

We added the burial area between the old fire station and the Historical Society museum building (not visible from the road) to the cemeteries we maintain, called "Prescott" for reference. Notable is the fenced Prescott family plot, with this reminder (below) of a different way of life some 175 year ago, with two Prescott sons lost at sea. A major project was getting all the lot corners surveyed and marked with steel pins at Oceanside, to ensure accuracy.



Detail of the William Pepperrell Prescott gravestone in the Prescott Cemetery adjacent to the Historical Society Museum building. This shows two sons, George and William, were lost at sea.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Cerny
Terri Golter
Dave Merrill

NEW CASTLE BOARD OF HEALTH

New Castle Town Beach Sampling Program: 2012 Beach details

Advisories Issued in 2012:	1
Advisories Issued 1994 -2012:	10
Average length of Advisory:	2 days

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Serves (**DES**) posts Advisories: it does **NOT** close beaches.

DES staff inspected the New Castle Town Beach 25 times in 2012, collecting 75 samples for analysis from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Samples collected on August 1 had results above the state standard for the presence of fecal bacteria. An advisory was issued. On repeat testing the results available on August 3 were below the state standard. The advisory was removed on Aug. 4.

http://www2.des.state.nh.us/OneStopPub/Beach/NH4491912012annualreport.pdf

New Hampshire costal waters have been rated first in the nation for the 2009 and 2010 swimming season by the Natural Resources Defense Council (**NRDC**).

In 2011 New Hampshire Coastal Beaches were named 1st in the Nation in water quality by NRDC.

In 2012 less than 1 percent of 1,006 samples collected exceeded the state standard.

http://des.nh.gov/media/pr/2011/20110630-beaches.htm

James Zuckerman, M.D.

Secretary, New Castle Board of Health
Health Officer
Town of New Castle

ENERGY COMMITTEE REPORT

The New Castle Energy Committee has projects that are underway:

- The Town Hall and The Recreation Buildings had an energy audit conducted and the report was delivered to the Town Select Board in June 2012. The report was compiled as part of the Energy Technical Assistance Planning Program.
- The Town Hall registration for Historic Places application, specifically the 2nd application is under review.
- The Capital Improvement Committee has reviewed the two energy audit recommendations and has incorporated the recommendations in their planning.
- The Education sub-group is continuing to educate the community on energy technology and other opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Bisset, Chairwoman

ROAD AGENT REPORT

Now that I have completed a year under my belt as the Road Agent, I am happy to report that the winter of 2011/2012 was a moderate winter for snow. Spring came early in 2012 and left the roads in pretty good condition. We had the striping done at the Common and in front of the town hall. Fence work along Piscataqua Street was started to replace old portions.

The fall of 2012 brought little snow and a couple of major storms leaving debris on the Beach and Common. We continue to maintain the trimming of overgrown vegetation in order to provide safety for vehicle traffic and walkers.

This coming year, we will address the maintenance of the fence on Cape Road along with regular upkeep on the island.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Tabbutt
Road Agent

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The New Castle Building Department had another vigorous year. A total of 199 building permits were processed in 2012. This represents an increase of 5% compared to 2011. The total revenue generated was $47,787 representing $7,018,300 in construction value. Two hundred twenty three inspections were performed encompassing all building, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, zoning and conservation related issues.

As a public safety message **Article 315.2** in the 2009 Residential Building Code state that an existing house that undergoes additions or renovations is required to comply as follows:

R315.2 Where required in existing dwellings. Where work requiring a *permit* occurs in existing *dwellings* that have attached garages or in existing dwellings within which fuel-fired *appliances* exist, carbon monoxide alarms shall be provided in accordance with **R315.1 Carbon monoxide alarms.** For new construction, an approved carbon monoxide alarm shall be installed outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms in *dwelling units* within which fuel-fired *appliances* are installed and in dwelling units that have attached garages.

The Building Inspectors hours and inspection times are as follows:

Tuesday	4:30 – 6:00 pm
Wednesday	12:00 - 5:00 pm
Thursday	4:30 – 6:00 pm

Telephone number: 603-431-6710 ext. 15

The following represents an accounting of all permits issued for 2012:

New single family	**6** [incl. rebuilds]	**Accessory buildings**	**0**
Residential remodel	**45**	**Electrical**	**47**
Mechanical	**39**	**Plumbing**	**18**
Sheds	**0**	**Generators**	**14**
Fireplace	**0**	**Roof replacement**	**8**
Demolition	**3**	**Misc.**	**15**
Dock/Pier	**3**	**Solar**	**1**

Respectively submitted,

Donald Graves
Building Inspector

ARCHIVES AND RECORDS

I continue to work closely with the New Castle Historical Society as we both share assets in our collections. The Oral History project is one example of this cooperative effort. This year, Jane Sweeney and I interviewed and recorded octogenarian Edmund Tarbell with his recollections of growing up in New Castle and his many years of sail boat racing on the Piscataqua River and to the Isles of Shoals – and still winning many races! Also, we had the privilege of hearing the perspective of life in New Castle as enjoyed by generations of Summer People whose families return to New Castle each year. Sharing their stories were John Butler Smith, Bill Drew, Nancy Drew, Dana Mayo, Sally Horner Smyser, Jodi Heard White, Mary Heard Johnson, and Betsey Heard Lufkin. These recordings are stored on the computer at the Historical Society, awaiting editing, and will be available to researchers and others. The Oral History project is ongoing and will continue for many years to come as we learn more about life here in the latter half of the 20th century through first-person experiences.

Also, the Town Archives and the Historical Society share their genealogy collections with each other. Currently, the following family genealogies are in our collection: Amazeen-Marsh; Becker-Pray; Lear; Oliver-Marvin; Poole-Pool; West-Hilton-Walton-Gilman; White; Yeaton; New Castle Families; and Families of Gosport. We welcome copies of the genealogy of other New Castle families to expand our resources to assist researchers and genealogists in their quests for information pertaining to particular persons or ancestors.

As always, requests for genealogical searches, clarification of historic events, assisting students studying the architecture of our older houses, researching records to find the locations of early homesteads and providing historical information to writers keep this position interesting.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Hutchinson Schulte
Town Historian/Archivist

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

The Town's Trust Funds totaled $837,791 at fiscal year end 30 Jun 11 and $958,093 at fiscal year end 30 Jun 12. These totals represent the sum of nine (9) separate funds representing permanent endowments, capital reserves and temporary escrows established by town meeting votes, school board votes, gifts and cemetery "Right to Inter" purchases. By State law the individual Trust Funds are maintained separately.

Library earnings were disbursed to the Library Trustees. Earnings from the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund were transferred to principal or retained as income in the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund. Funds from the other Trust Funds are disbursed in accordance with the requirements of the establishing body for the particular Trust Fund.

The Provident Bank continues to hold all of our Trust Funds. They remain a very conservative bank with zero exposure to the sub-prime market. All of our funds are FDIC insured. As of 30 Jun 2012 the majority of the funds were invested in CDs with a very small percentage of the funds invested in savings accounts. All CDs are three to five year duration maturing between Aug of 2012 and Jun of 2015 with interest rates ranging from 1.00% to 5.25%. Savings accounts pay current money market rates.

The three Trustees meet as required for investment or disbursement purposes.

Please call if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom F Smith, Chair
Peter Reed
David Borden

Attachment 1 – Trust Fund Purpose, Type, Governing Body, Date Established & Authorization

1. Marchand
 a. Purpose - Acquire by purchase seeds, flowering plants, shrubs, bushes and trees to be used only at the Great Island Common. No man-made construction authorized.
 b. Non-expendable – Only income may be used for authorized expenditures. Any accrued income not expended for a period of three (3) years shall become principal.
 c. Governing body – Trustees of Trust Funds
 d. Established 15 Nov 71
 e. Authorized by the Andree Marchand will

2. Sewer
 a. Purpose – Maintenance, repair and replacement of Sewer Department facilities
 b. Expendable – Principal and income may be used for authorized expenditures
 c. Governing body – Select Board
 d. Established 12 May 09
 e. Authorized by the passage of Article IX, at the 12 May 09 town meeting

3. Library
 a. Purpose – Fund library activities
 b. Expendable – Principal and income may be used for authorized expenditures
 c. Governing body – Library Trustees
 d. Established 31 Jan 67
 e. Authorized by RSA Title XVI, Libraries, Ch, 202-A, Sec 202-A:22

4. Cemetery Maintenance
 a. Purpose – Maintenance and repairs of Town owned cemeteries
 b. Non-Expendable – Only income may be used for authorized expenditures.
 c. Governing body - Cemetery Trustees
 d. Established 27 Feb 1900
 e. Authorized by RSA Title XXVI, Cemeteries; Burials; Dead Bodies, Ch 289, Cemeteries, Cemetery Trustees, Sec 289:9

5. Special Education
 a. Purpose – Meeting the unanticipated expenses of educating educationally disabled children.
 b. Expendable – Principal and income may be used for authorized expenditures
 c. Governing body – School Board
 d. Established 12 Feb 02
 e. Authorized by the passage of Article 2, at the 12 Feb 02 School District meeting

6. School Tuition
 a. Purpose – Paying the regular tuition costs for unbudgeted students attending the Rye Middle School and/or Portsmouth High School
 b. Expendable – Principal and income may be used for authorized expenditures
 c. Governing body – School Board
 d. Established 09 Mar 05
 e. Authorized by the passage of Article 4, at the 09 Mar 05 School District meeting

7. Vehicle & Equipment
 a. Purpose – Purchase of capital equipment (currently defined by the State as purchases of $10,000 or more with a life expectancy of 5 years or longer) for the Police, Fire and Public Works departments.
 b. Expendable – Principal and income may be used for authorized expenditures
 c. Governing body – Select Board
 d. Established 13 May 97
 e. Authorized by the passage of Article 10, at the 13 May 97 town meeting

8. School Building & Grounds
 a. Purpose – Renovating, maintaining and performing professional studies of the Maude H. Trefethen School.
 b. Expendable – Principal and income may be used for authorized expenditures
 c. Governing body – School Board
 d. Established 11 Mar 09
 e. Authorized by the passage of Article 4, at the 11 Mar 09 School District meeting

9. Water
 a. Purpose – Maintenance, repair and replacement of Water Department facilities
 b. Expendable – Principal and income may be used for authorized expenditures
 c. Governing body – Select Board
 d. Established 12 May 09
 e. Authorized by the passage of Article X, at the 12 May 09 town meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Smith, Chair
Peter Reed
David Borden

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST REPORT

The three elected Supervisors of the Checklist are charged with maintaining the voter records in town, preparing and manning the polls and tallying the number of ballots cast at the end of the election. Some years are busier than others, and since 2012 was a year for a primary and federal election, it was a very busy year.

2012 kicked right off with the Presidential Primary held on January 10th. 55% of the registered voters in New Castle cast a vote in the Primary. The town election followed on May 8th with a light turnout of only 161 votes cast undoubtedly due to the majority of uncontested offices. This election however, resulted in the Supervisors welcoming Karen Mitchell for a 6-year term. In turn, Mary Rauh ended her tenure, and we are grateful for her 6 years of service.

Shortly into the fall, the Supervisors geared up for the State Primary held on September 11th quickly followed by the Presidential Election of November 6th. These last 2 elections were subject to the new voter ID law enacted by the NH State Legislature. The Supervisors received special training in the new regulations that required ballot clerks to ask for a voter's ID before handing out the ballot. However, no voter was turned away due to a lack of an ID. Instead, these voters were given a state-provided voter affidavit to be filled out and followed up by the state after the election.

In spite of some controversy generated by this new voter ID law and an impressively high turnout of 89% of the registered voters in town, the Presidential Election went very smoothly with little if any waits to cast a ballot.

The Supervisors are always grateful to those in town who volunteer a few hours to work the polls. We owe a special thanks to former Supervisor, Leslie Parker, who continues to generously offer her time and expertise at every election.

New poll volunteers are always welcome. It is a perfect opportunity to greet your friends and neighbors while providing a valuable service to your community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Supervisors of the Checklist,
Sherri Becker, Chair
Darcy Horgan
Karen Mitchell

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2012 Easter Egg Hunt drew over 100 children, who ran all around the common gathering candy filled eggs. Each child also received a special gift. Our special thanks go out to Pamela Stearns for helping to coordinate the activities, and Terri Golter and the Fire Department, which once again provided transportation throughout town for the Easter Bunny.

Halloween proved to be full of Tricks and Treats! Over 125 brave souls managed enough courage to enter the haunted Town Hall to collect a bag full of treats.

Much of our effort in 2012 went into conducting the 19th Annual Great Island road race. It was our largest race ever, with close to 1400 people registered for the race including 46 hearty New Castle residents who ran or walked the 5K course. The race generated close to $15,000, which is being used to fund the Thomas Quinn Memorial scholarships and support the Great Island Common playground and Skating Rink. Funds from the race were also used to support the Portsmouth HS Cross Country and Track teams, Rye JH Cross Country and Track teams and MHT Track team. Once again, the Kids Fun Runs were the highlight of the day for many, as 250 kids from 1 - 12 years of age took part. In appreciation for all of the great Fun Run artwork created by the kids at MHT, over 40 students were able to participate in the Fun Runs or 5K, free of charge. Once again we are thankful for all who were an integral part of the race, through baking food, and/or volunteering your time and resources. We would also like to thank the Police and Fire Departments for all of their effort to ensure the safety of all who participated and the following sponsors who are so vital to the race:

Holloway Mercedes-Benz, Wentworth by the Sea Marina, Ocean Properties/Wentworth by the Sea Hotel, Gastroenterology, PA, Liberty Mutual, Sports Medicine Atlantic Orthopedics, Portsmouth Regional Hospital, Swix, Rocky Coast Print Works, The Runner's Alley and Henry's Market.

Please be sure to join us on October 7th, for the 20th running of the Great Island 5K!

We had a new infusion of volunteers to set up and maintain the Great Island Common skating rink this year. The setup was easier than ever and resulted in some nice skating in January and February. We want to thank all our rink volunteers, and in particular Chet Fessenden, for their dedication and hard work setting up, maintaining and dismantling the rink each year.

The town of New Castle continues its close relationship with Rye Recreation. Rye offers a wide variety of programs to New Castle residents of all ages. If you have an interest, please contact Rye Recreation (964-6281), to get a full schedule of programs.

A healthy 2013 to all!

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Stearns, Recreation Committee Chairman

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT 53B

The Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal District was established in 1988 under RSA Chapter 53-B. The District is authorized to provide four facilities: recycling, landfill, septage, and waste-to-energy. Each member municipality can participate in one or more of the District's facilities and the various costs and expenses are apportioned among the members.

The District is presently made up of ten member towns: Brentwood, Fremont, Hampton, Hampton Falls, Kensington, New Castle, North Hampton, Rye, Sandown, and South Hampton. It is intended that the interests of all member municipalities, be they large or small, be protected. Also provided is flexibility in developing solutions of joint solid waste problems.

In 2012, Household Hazardous Waste Day events were held on May 19, 2012 in Hampton and on September 22, 2012 in Brentwood. Both events were very successful with Hampton serving 357 households and Brentwood serving 256. Those who chose to participate were able to dispose of materials such as paints, pesticides, batteries, household cleaners, and pool chemicals as well as electronic devices such as televisions, computers, and air conditioners. Keeping these materials out of our landfills and precious water resources is a benefit to all of us that is difficult to measure. The District is please to provide this service to its members each spring and fall and encourages participation of as many households as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Everett (Bud) Jordan, Chairman

BIRTHS RECORDED IN NEW CASTLE
JANUARY 1, 2012– DECEMBER 31, 2012

CHILD'S NAME	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
Rubin, Lily Sage	02/05/2012	Portsmouth, NH	Rubin, Michael	Rubin, Laura
Birr, Griffin Allan	07/13/2012	Portsmouth, NH	Birr, Allan	Birr, Tanner

DEATHS RECORDED IN NEW CASTLE
JANUARY 1, 2012 – DECEMBER 31, 2012

NAME OF DECEASED	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH
Kent, Norman	02/14/2012	Portsmouth, NH
Varner, Robert	05/08/2012	Portsmouth, NH
Ballou, Iola	05/17/2012	New Castle, NH
McCarthy Jr., John	08/06/2012	New Castle, NH
Petlick, Marion	08/23/2012	New Castle, NH
Smith, John Butler	09/12/2012	New Castle, NH
Darcy, Charles	09/19/2012	New Castle, NH
Merrill, Helen	11/08/2012	New Castle, NH
Willoughby, Elaine	11/12/2012	Portsmouth, NH
Thayer, Charles	11/13/2012	New Castle, NH
Sawtelle, Jean	12/20/2012	Portsmouth, NH

Long Time Residents that passed that were not living in town

Caswell, Kenneth
D'Antonio, Patricia
Feder, Josephine
Toomey, Elizabeth

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN NEW CASTLE
JANUARY 1, 2012 – DECEMBER 31, 2012

GROOM'S NAME	BRIDE'S NAME	DATE	LOCATION
O'Brien, Ben	Donovan, Margaret J.	05/19/2012	Rye, NH
Sobel, Jonathan W.	Sobel, Valerie A.	10/29/2012	Portsmouth, NH

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012

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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Selectmen
Town of New Castle
New Castle, New Hampshire

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these annual financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Governmental Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the annual financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the government activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire, as of June 30, 2012, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America.

The Town has implemented several new *Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements* which have established net assets for governmental and business-type activities.

The management's discussion and analysis, appearing on the following pages, is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consist principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

R.R. Bergeron

December 6, 2012

Portsmouth, NH

As management of the Town of New Castle, we offer readers this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

A. Financial Highlights

- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the total of government-wide assets exceeded liabilities by 27,164,678. (See Note C. following)
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the unreserved fund balance in the general fund was $850,802, an increase of $144,228 over the preceding fiscal year.
- There was long term debt (i.e., bonds payable) of $975,000 at the close of the current fiscal year.

B. Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of New Castle's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements are comprised of three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances in a manner similar to a private sector business.

The Statement of Net Assets presents information on all of the Town's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Town's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flow. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the Town of New Castle include general government, public safety, highways and streets, sanitation, health and welfare, and culture and recreation. The business-type activities include water and sewer operations.

Fund Financial Statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements. All of the funds can be divided into three categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

Governmental Funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as government activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long term impact of the government's near term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

An annual appropriated budget is adopted for the general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Proprietary Funds. Proprietary funds are maintained as follows:

Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. Specifically, enterprise funds are used to account for water and sewer operations.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the business-type activities reported in the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the water and sewer operations, both of which are considered to be major funds of the Town of New Castle.

Fiduciary Funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government- wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

Notes to Financial Statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other Information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information which is required to be disclosed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

C. Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The following is a summary of condensed government-wide financial data for the current fiscal year as well as comparative information for the prior year:

FY2012:	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities	Total
Total assets	$26,037,996	$2,191,587	$28,229,583
Total liabilities	1,058,238	6,667	1,064,905
Total net assets	$24,979,758	$2,184,920	$27,164,678

FY2011:	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities	Total
Total assets	$25,763,108	$2,221,475	$27,984,583
Total liabilities	1,140,283	34,844	1,175,127
Total net assets	$24,622,825	$2,186,631	$26,809,456

By far the largest portion of total net assets is our investment (95%) in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, machinery and equipment) less related debt, if any, used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the investment in capital assets is reported net of any related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay such debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate such liabilities.

D. Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The Town has several funds in this category. The focus of governmental funds is to provide information on near term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of government's net resources available for (1) future emergency expenditures, and (2) funding future appropriations.

Proprietary funds. Proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the business-type activities reported in the government wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Unrestricted net assets of the enterprise funds at the end of the year amounted to $381,265. Factors concerning the finances of proprietary funds have already been addressed in the entity-wide discussion of business-type activities.

E. Taxes

The New Castle tax rate for July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 was $6.39. Because New Castle was required by the state to do a complete revaluation of all real property in Town this year, this rate is not directly comparable to last year's rate. The revaluation reduced the total assessed valuation of the Town from about $707 million to approximately $637 million or about 10%.

The following table compares the new rate to last year's rate adjusted for the revaluation:

	2011	2010
Town Operations	$ 2.40	$ 2.32
County	0.97	1.00
School	3.02	3.06
	$6.39	$ 6.38

The actual net operating expenses of the Town were budgeted to be approximately the same in fiscal year 2011 as in 2010. However, a number of discretionary and one-time factors resulted in a contribution to the tax rate of $0.08. Among the factors were the cost of the revaluation, the matching funds required by the grant funding for the construction of the "Safepath", and the establishment of the Conservation Fund. The Town also provided for modest wage and salary increases for employees. The impact on the tax rate was offset by utilizing $60,000 from the unreserved fund balance.

The County tax declined by $0.03. The county budget gets allocated to the municipalities based on valuations. Because New Castle was revalued down, our share of the budget went down. The School portion of the rate is down because not all of the money appropriated last year was spent. By law, unutilized funds from one year must be applied to reduce the tax in the subsequent year.

F. Capital Projects

The May 2011 Town Meeting appropriated $104,000 (including a 15% contingency) for the construction of a sidewalk adjacent to Wentworth Road. The total cost of the project was 80% subsidized by a federal Transportation Enhancement Grant. The project was completed and paid for in the current calendar year.

G. Vehicle & Equipment Trust Fund

$103,000 was added to the Vehicle and Equipment Trust Fund during the year. In continuance of our program of annual funding, the Town voted at the May Town Meeting to appropriate an additional $106,000 to be added to the Trust in the coming year. The purpose of the program is to provide for major vehicle and equipment purchase, lease, or refurbishment, as necessary.

Requests for Information. This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of New Castle's finances for all those with an interest in government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
June 30, 2012

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Current:			
Cash and short-term investments	$ 836,401	$ 161,451	$ 997,852
Accounts receivable	62,597	8,461	71,058
Due from capital projects funds	60,000	-	60,000
Due from general funds	14,654	-	14,654
Due from enterprise funds	2,636	-	2,636
Noncurrent:			
Accounts receivable	32,450	-	32,450
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	25,028,229	2,021,675	27,049,904
Deeded property	1,029	-	1,029
Total Assets	26,037,996	2,191,587	28,229,583
LIABILITIES			
Current:			
Accounts payable	8,584	4,031	12,615
Current portion of long-term debt	125,000	-	125,000
Due to capital projects funds	14,654	-	14,654
Due to general fund	60,000	2,636	62,636
Noncurrent:			
Long-term bonds payable	850,000	-	850,000
Total Liabilities	1,058,238	6,667	1,064,905
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets (net of related debt)	24,053,229	1,803,655	25,856,884
Unrestricted	926,529	381,265	1,307,794
Total Net Assets	$ 24,979,758	$ 2,184,920	$ 27,164,678

See accompanying notes to these financial statements

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012

	Direct Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Net (Expenses) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets: Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:					
General government	$ 347,096	$ 143,116	$ (203,980)	$ -	$ (203,980)
Public safety	697,133	-	(697,133)	-	(697,133)
Highways and streets	120,568	-	(120,568)	-	(120,568)
Sanitation	119,901	-	(119,901)	-	(119,901)
Health and human services	37,152	-	(37,152)	-	(37,152)
Culture and recreation	301,283	38,297	(262,986)	-	(262,986)
Interest on debt	40,093	-	(40,093)	-	(40,093)
Principle on Long Term Debit	125,000	-	(125,000)	-	(125,000)
Transfer to Capital Reserve	103,000	-	(103,000)	-	(103,000)
County taxes	614,573	-	(614,573)	-	(614,573)
Local and state education warrents	1,918,171	-	(1,918,171)	-	(1,918,171)
Capital outlay	71,812	-	(71,812)	-	(71,812)
Total Governmental Activities	4,495,782	181,413	(4,314,369)	-	(4,314,369)
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:					
Water services	49,021	69,681	-	20,660	20,660
Sewer services	419,163	396,792	-	(22,371)	(22,371)
Total Business-Type Activities	468,184	466,473	-	(1,711)	(1,711)
TOTAL	$ 4,963,966	$ 647,886	(4,314,369)	(1,711)	(4,316,080)
GENERAL REVENUES:					
Property taxes			4,029,615	-	4,029,615
Penalties, interest, and other taxes			9,860	-	9,860
Licenses and permits			318,136	-	318,136
Interest income			1,419	-	1,419
Other revenues			115,460	-	115,460
Total Revenues and Transfers			4,474,490	-	4,474,490
Add reconciling adjustment			196,812	-	196,812
Change in Net Assets			356,933	(1,711)	355,222
Net Assets - Beginning of Year			24,622,825	2,186,631	26,809,456
Net Assets - End of Year			$ 24,979,758	$ 2,184,920	$ 27,164,678

See accompanying notes to these financial statements.

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 2012

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds: Recreation Revolving Fund	Special Revenue Funds: Conservation Fund	Capital Project Funds: Public Safety Complex	Capital Project Funds: Safepath Walkway	Capital Project Funds: Channel Islands	Capital Project Funds: D.P.W. Building	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS								
Cash and equivalents	$ 773,944	$ 41,175	$ 20,043	$ -0-	$ 1,239	$ -0-	$ -0-	$ 836,401
Accounts receivable	3,981				58,616			62,597
Tax deeded property	1,029							1,029
Tax and tax liens receivable	32,450							32,450
Due from general fund					14,654			14,654
Due from water fund	896							896
Due from sewer fund	1,740							1,740
Due from capital projects fund	60,000							60,000
Total Assets	$ 874,040	$ 41,175	$ 20,043	$ -0-	$ 74,509	$ -0-	$ -0-	$ 1,009,767
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE								
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	$ 8,584	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 8,584
Due to capital projects fund	14,654							14,654
Due to general fund					60,000			60,000
Total Liabilities	23,238	-	-	-	60,000	-	-	83,238
Fund Balance:								
Unreserved:								
Designated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Undesignated	850,802	41,175	20,043	-0-	14,509	-0-	-0-	926,529
Total Fund Balance	850,802	41,175	20,043	-0-	14,509	-0-	-0-	926,529
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	$ 874,040	$ 41,175	$ 20,043	$ -0-	$ 74,509	$ -0-	$ -0-	$ 1,009,767

See accompanying notes to these financial statements .

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
June 30, 2012

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds: Recreation Revolving Fund	Special Revenue Funds: Conservation Fund	Capital Project Funds: Public Safety Complex	Capital Project Funds: Safepath Walkway	Capital Project Funds: Channel Islands	Capital Project Funds: D.P.W. Buildings	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:								
Taxes	$ 4,039,475	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 4,039,475
Licenses, permits, and fees	280,871	37,265						318,136
State of New Hampshire	65,281				58,616			123,897
Charges for services	143,116							143,116
Miscellaneous sources	26,593	980	52				6	27,631
Total Revenues	4,555,336	38,245	52	-	58,616	-	6	4,652,255
EXPENDITURES:								
General government	347,096							347,096
Public safety	697,133							697,133
Highways and streets	120,568							120,568
Sanitation	119,901							119,901
Health	37,127							37,127
Welfare	25							25
Culture and recreation	238,042	27,516						265,558
Conservation	35,725							35,725
Principle on Long Term Debt	125,000							125,000
Interest on debt	40,093							40,093
Transfers to capital reserves	103,000							103,000
Capital outlay					58,616		13,196	71,812
Payments to other governments	2,532,744							2,532,744
Total Expenditures	4,396,454	27,516	-	-	58,616	-	13,196	4,495,782
Excess of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	158,882	10,729	52	-	-	-	(13,190)	156,473
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):								
Transfers in (out)	(14,654)		18,550	(188)	-	(54)	(6)	3,648
Net changes in fund balance	144,228	10,729	18,602	(188)	-	(54)	(13,196)	160,121
Fund Balance, at Beginning of Year	706,574	30,446	1,441	188	14,509	54	13,196	766,408
Fund Balance, at End of Year	$ 850,802	$ 41,175	$ 20,043	$ -0-	$ 14,509	$ -0-	$ -0-	$ 926,529

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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES IN THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

June 30, 2012

Total governmental fund balance (page -8-)	$ 926,529
Investments in capital assets (net of related debt) used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. (page -6-)	24,053,229
Net assets of governmental activities (page -7-)	$ 24,979,758

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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012

Net change in fund balance – Total governmental funds (page -9-)		$ 160,121
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. Pursuant to GASB 34 reporting, the capital costs incurred in the current year are allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense:		
Capital outlay purchases	$ 71,812	
Depreciation	-	71,812
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds and leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets:		
Net transfers (long-term debt repayment)		125,000
Change in net assets of governmental activities (Page -7-)		$ 356,933

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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GOVERNMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012

	General Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES:			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	$ 4,048,047	$ 4,029,615	$ (18,432)
Boat taxes	3,500	5,232	1,732
Interest and penalties on taxes	3,500	4,628	1,128
	4,055,047	4,039,475	(15,572)
Licenses, permits and fees:			
Motor vehicle permit fees	213,000	238,376	25,376
Building permits	20,100	32,555	12,455
Other licenses, permits and fees	2,060	9,940	7,880
	235,160	280,871	45,711
State of New Hampshire:			
Shared revenue	-	-	-
Meals and rooms tax distribution	43,260	43,260	-
Highway block grant	21,075	20,346	(729)
Conservation grant	-	1,675	1,675
	64,335	65,281	946
Federal government	-	-	-
Charges for services:			
Income from departments	118,250	143,116	24,866
Miscellaneous sources:			
Interest on investments	1,000	1,419	419
Sale of property	5,000	-	(5,000)
Other miscellaneous sources	12,650	25,174	12,524
	18,650	26,593	7,943
Total Revenues and Other Sources	4,491,442	4,555,336	63,894

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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GOVERNMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (con't)
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012

	General Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES:			
General government:			
Executive	$ 71,207	$ 73,283	$ (2,076)
Election, registration and vital statistics	33,199	32,859	340
Financial administration	106,427	101,730	4,697
Revaluation of property	40,680	33,215	7,465
Legal expense	15,700	10,748	4,952
Merit pool account	33,104	-	33,104
Planning and zoning	19,065	11,909	7,156
General government buildings	19,000	22,000	(3,000)
Cemeteries	10,883	10,805	78
Insurance - unallocated	46,800	50,547	(3,747)
Other general government	10,000	-	10,000
	406,065	347,096	58,969
Public safety:			
Police and animal control	409,938	409,703	235
Ambulance	17,303	9,500	7,803
Fire	248,168	240,601	7,567
Emergency medical services	14,044	14,545	(501)
Building inspection	14,806	14,024	782
Emergency management	7,800	8,760	(960)
	712,059	697,133	14,926
Highways and streets:			
Highways and streets maintenance	121,725	110,531	11,194
Street lighting	7,750	10,037	(2,287)
	129,475	120,568	8,907
Sanitation:			
Administration	1,725	1,074	651
Solid waste collection	93,000	96,892	(3,892)
Solid waste disposal	28,594	21,935	6,659
	123,319	119,901	3,418
Health:			
Administration	1,277	1,077	200
Pest control	23,050	23,050	-
Health agencies and hospitals	13,500	13,000	500
	37,827	37,127	700

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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
GOVERNMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (con't)
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012

	General Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Welfare:			
Direct assistance	$ 10,000	$ 25	$ 9,975
Culture and recreation:			
Parks and recreation	135,918	141,755	(5,837)
Library	61,345	61,345	-
Recreation/Library building	26,200	27,396	(1,196)
Recreation commission	7,750	7,546	204
	231,213	238,042	(6,829)
Conservation:			
Conservation Trust	18,550	18,550	-
Other conservation	26,178	17,175	9,003
	44,728	35,725	9,003
Principal on long-term debt	125,000	125,000	-
Interest on debt:			
Long-term	37,087	37,086	1
Short-term	5,000	3,007	1,993
	42,087	40,093	1,994
Capital reserves:			
Transfer to trust funds	103,000	103,000	-
Payments to other governments:			
County taxes	614,573	614,573	-
Local school district education taxes	436,390	436,390	-
State education tax warrant	1,481,781	1,481,781	-
	2,532,744	2,532,744	-
Transfer to capital projects fund	20,800	14,654	6,146
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	4,518,317	4,411,108	107,209
Excess of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	$ (26,875)	$ 144,228	$ 171,103

See accompanying notes to these financial statements.

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
June 30, 2012

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds	
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund
ASSETS		
Current:		
Cash (overdraft)	$ 236,633	$ (177,639)
Investments	52,457	50,000
Accounts receivable	1,556	6,905
Total current assets	290,646	(120,734)
Non-Current:		
Equipment	10,633	-
Service lines and stations	653,512	1,621,619
Less accumulated depreciation	(243,899)	(20,190)
Total non-current assets	420,246	1,601,429
Total Assets	710,892	1,480,695
LIABILITIES		
Current:		
Accounts Payable	193	-
Deferred item	1,838	-
Due to general fund	896	1,740
Escrow funds		2,000
Total current liabilities	2,927	3,740
Total Liabilities	2,927	3,740
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets	470,811	1,332,844
Unrestricted	237,154	144,111
Total Net Assets	$ 707,965	$ 1,476,955

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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds	
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund
OPERATING REVENUE	$ 69,627	$ 396,792
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Water purchases	17,899	-
Sewerage assessment	-	352,185
Personnel services	15,791	31,906
Non-personnel services	3,331	32,072
Depreciation (Note 1-F.)	12,000	3,000
Total operating expenses	49,021	419,163
Operating Income (Loss)	20,606	(22,371)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES:		
Investment earnings	54	-
Income (Loss) Before Transfers	20,660	(22,371)
TRANSFERS	-	-
Change in Net Assets	20,660	(22,371)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	687,305	1,499,326
Contributed Capital - Town	-	-
Net Assets at End of Year	$ 707,965	$ 1,476,955

See accompanying notes to these financial statements.

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
for the fiscal year ended June 30,2012

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds	
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund
Funds Provided:		
Net income (loss) for the year (change in net assets)	$ 20,660	$ (22,371)
Add back depreciation	12,000	3,000
	32,660	(19,371)
Increase (decrease) in working capital	$ 32,660	$ (19,371)
Changes in elements of working capital:		
Increase (decrease) in current assets:		
Cash and investments	$ 30,743	$ (47,342)
Accounts receivable	(505)	2,216
	30,238	(45,126)
Increase (decrease) in investment activities:		
Equipment, service lines and stations	-	-
Decrease in current liabilities:		
Accounts payable, deferred items, escrow funds, etc.	2,422	25,755
Increase (decrease) in working capital	$ 32,660	$ (19,371)

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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
June 30, 2012

	Private Purpose Trust Funds	(A) Agency Funds
ASSETS		
Cash and investments	$ 235,200	$ 722,893
LIABILITIES		
Deferred liabilities	-0-	722,893
NET ASSETS		
Total net assets held in trust	$ 235,200	$ -0-

(A) " Agency Funds" consist of the following:

Enterprise/Sewer Funds	$ 427,591
C/R - Vehicle and Equip. Replacement Fund	101,921
C/R - School Bldg. Fund	2,187
Special Education	125,203
Special Tuition	65,991
	$ 722,893

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TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012

	Private Purpose Trust Funds
Additions:	
Contributions and net investment income	$ 16,575
Deductions:	
Payments to beneficiaries	(1,178)
Net increase	15,397
Net Assets:	
Beginning of year - held in trust	219,803
End of year - held in trust	$ 235,200

See accompanying notes to these financial statements.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Town of New Castle, New Hampshire conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

A. Reporting entity

The government is a municipal corporation governed by an elected Board of three Selectmen. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the government and applicable component units for which the government is considered to be financially accountable.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements
The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from the statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Fund Financial Statements
Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. The governmental fund and the individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements
The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) are reported using the *accrual basis of accounting*, as are the proprietary funds and fiduciary funds financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as *program revenues* are charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Fund Financial Statements
The *accrual basis of accounting* is used for the enterprise and the fiduciary fund types. Governmental fund types utilize the modified accrual basis whereby revenues are recorded when measurable and available. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred (accrual basis) except for:

a. Disbursement for inventory items (materials and supplies) which are considered expenditures at the time of purchase;

b. Prepaid expenses which are not normally recorded;

c. Interest on long-term debt which is recorded as an expenditure when due.

The Town reports several governmental funds, the major one being the general fund which serves as the Town's operating fund. It accounts for financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the enterprise funds are charges to customers for sales and services.

Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

The Town reports the following proprietary funds:

- Water Enterprise Fund
- Sewer Enterprise Fund

The private-purpose trust fund is used to account for trust arrangements, other than those properly reported in the permanent fund, under which principal and investment income exclusively benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

D. Investments

Investments are stated at market value.

E. Inventories

The costs of governmental fund-type inventories are recorded as expenditures when purchased ("purchase method'). No significant inventory balances were on hand in governmental funds.

F. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, and infrastructure, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Property, plant equipment and infrastructure of the primary government is depreciated using the straight-line method.

G. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term obligations are reported as netted against the investment in capital assets in the applicable statement of net assets.

2. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

A. Budgetary Information

An annual appropriated budget is adopted for the Town's general fund and enterprise funds. In November, the Town Administrator issues a directive requesting line-item budget proposals from each department for submission in December. All increases in appropriations must be fully substantiated. The Town Administrator schedules reviews with the Budget Committee.

The Town then calls a public hearing to review budget requirements with the general public. After due consideration from the public, the Selectmen and Budget Committee make a final decision. A resolution is required for acceptance for the final budget by majority vote. Departments are legally limited to their total budget as voted.

The final budget and resolution are then presented to the Department of Revenue Administration for their review and approval of the tax rate. Certain limitations set by state statute must be established and adhered to before the rate is set.

B. Budgetary Basis

The General Fund final appropriation appearing on the "Budget and Actual " page of the fund financial statements represents the final amended budget and was authorized as follows:

2012 appropriations budget	$4,518,317
Budgeted decrease of undesignated fund balance	26,875
2012 revenues budget	$4,491,442

3. Cash and Investments

The carrying amount of the Town's deposits with financial institutions at June 30, 2012 was:

Governmental Funds	$ 836,401
Enterprise Funds	161,451
Trust Funds	958,093
TOTAL	$1,955,945

The trustees of trust funds may invest funds in a manner that is prescribed by NH State Law. The trustees are also required to report annually to the State Attorney General.

4. Property Taxes Receivable

Property tax revenues are recognized in the fiscal year for which taxes have been levied to the extent that they become available, i.e. due or receivable within the current fiscal year and collected within the current period or within 60 days of year-end.

Taxes receivable at June 30, 2012 are comprised of:

Property Taxes:	
Current Year	$ 4,407
Tax Liens	28,043
	$ 32,450

5. User Fees Receivable:

User fees receivable in water and sewer funds include amounts due from customers for water and sewer usage. Water and sewer delinquent receivables are liened in a similar manner as property taxes described in Note 4.

User fees receivable at June 30, 2012 consist of the following:

Water	Sewer	Total
$1,556	$6,905	$8,461

6. Long-Term Debt:

The Town has the following general obligation long-term debt (bonds payable) as of June 30, 2012:

Public Safety Complex	$ 855,000
Channel Islands purchase	120,000
	$ 975,000

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT - ALL FUNDS
June 30, 2012

	Original Issue	Stated Interest Rate	Maturity Date	BOND PRINCIPAL Balance 7/1/11	Issued 7/1/11 - 6/30/12	Paid 7/1/11 - 6/30/12	Balance 6/30/12	Due 7/1/12 - 6/30/13	Due Subsequently	BOND INTEREST Paid 7/1/11 - 6/30/12	Due 7/1/12 - 6/30/13	Due Subsequently
Public Safety Complex	$ 1,070,325	4.00%	8/15/2019	$ 965,000	$ -0-	$ (110,000)	$ 855,000	$ 110,000	$ 745,000	$ 31,157	$ 27,835	$ 96,892
Channel Islands	150,000	4.65%	12/30/2019	135,000	-0-	(15,000)	120,000	15,000	105,000	5,929	5,231	17,089
				$ 1,100,000	$ -0-	$ (125,000)	$ 975,000	$ 125,000	$ 850,000	$ 37,086	$ 33,066	$ 113,981

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Mon., Wed. & Thursday	8am to noon
Accountant	*431-6710 ext 12*
Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.	8am to 2pm
Library	431-6773
Tuesday	12 to 5pm
Wednesday	12 to 5pm
Thursday	9am to 3pm
Friday	12 to 5pm
Saturday	9am to noon
Fire/EMT's – Emergency	911 or 436-2515
Business Line	436-1132
Fire Fax	430-0162
Police – Emergency	911 or 436-3113
Business Line	436-3800
Police Fax	436-7710
Building Inspector	431-6710 ext 15
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Thursday	4:30 to 6:00pm
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